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

MRS. JOHN TRUAX.

Sophia, wife of John H. Truax, died at their home at Charlestown, Franklin county on Friday afternoon of last week, aged 76 years, 6 months, and 12 days. The funeral took place Sunday morning, the sermon being preached in the M. E. Church at Charlestown by Rev. Stevens, and interment was made in Union cemetery in Ayr township, this county. Mrs. Truax was a great sufferer with rheumatism and had been confined to her bed for more than six months. She was a daughter of Theodore and Susan Deshong Mellott, and was married to John H. Truax more than sixty years ago. To this union were born nine children, six of whom are living, namely, Jacob H., in Steele, N. D.; Susan wife of Fred Hill, Charlestown; James H.; near Sipes Mill; Catherine, wife of John Hout, Mercersburg; Jennie, wife of Lewis Crouse Ayr township; and Alice, at home. Besides the husband and the before mentioned children, she is survived by 46 grand children and 26 great-grand children. Mrs. Truax was a consistent member of the M. E. church, and a most excellent wife, mother, and neighbor. Until a few years ago, the family resided in this county.

HARRY T. DESHONG.

Harry T. Deshong, aged 44 years, 3 months, and 17 days died at his home at Fairchance, Pa., Tuesday, July 27, 1915, following an illness of three years. Harry was a son of the late David D. Deshong, of Licking Creek township, and was married to Amanda Bloom, of Hyndman, Pa. who together with the following children, Charles, Walter, Melvin Nina, Eldred, Pauline and Curtis all at home, survive. Also by his mother and the following brothers and sisters; Harvey, of Shaw, W. Va.; Amanda Imler, Pittsburgh; Rebecca, wife of A. E. Dwire, West Newton, Pa.; Mary E., wife of John G. Ewing, Ayr township; David D. Jr., of Pittsburgh; and James A., Delaware City, Del. Harry's remains were shipped to Hyndman, Pa., where funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon and interment was made at that place.

MRS. MARTHA PALMER.

Mrs. Martha Sipes Palmer, widow of the late Joel Palmer, died at her home at Sipes Mill, this county, Saturday, July 31, 1915, lacking but a few days of being 91 years of age. The funeral took place Monday, the services being conducted by her pastor Eld. C. L. Funk, assisted by Rev. Powers, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church. Mrs. Palmer is survived by five sons and three daughters—Solomon, Scott, Albert, Watson, and Orville, and by three daughters—Matilda, widow of James Akers; Angelina, widow of Samuel Hixson, and Satira, at home.

CARL D. SMITH.

Carl D. Smith, aged 19 years, 5 months and 16 days, died at the home of his parents J. Harry and Alice K. Smith near Waynesboro last Sunday morning. Funeral Tuesday. Carl's mother (Alice Deitrich) is a cousin of Mrs. R. N. Fryman, of McConnellsburg.

Fruit Syrups.

Home made fruit syrups, used in ice-cold water, make fine summer drinks. Make the syrups as follows: Into a saucepan put one pint of water, two pounds of loaf sugar, and a quarter of an ounce of citric acid. Place on a slow fire and let the mixture boil two or three minutes. Remove the pan and put into it half pound of fruit desired, well crushed. Boil again for two or three minutes, strain into a jug and bottle when cold.

Birthday Surprise.

Friday, July 23rd was Miss Cleo Gutshal's 15th birthday, and the following list of friends took presents in their hands, met at her home near Knobsville, and celebrated the event in a happy manner. They were; Miss Ruth Keebaugh; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bradnick and two children Emma and Frank; Mrs. Mary Campbell and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. George Regi and children Brenton, Dallas, Verge, and Norris; Mrs. Ethel Mellott and son Floyd Mrs. Samuel Helman and daughter Emma; Mr. and Mrs. George Glunt and daughters Velma and Alma; Mrs. Ed Foster and children Park, Cecil, John and Olive Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cunningham and children Ada, Lewis, John, Blanche, Mary and Hester Mrs. Mary Wilson, and Misses Hulda and Vera Shadel.

See Pennsylvania First.

W. R. D. Hall, Esq., Statistician of the Pennsylvania State Highway Department was in town Monday arranging details for the Governor's Automobile Touring party in October. Governor Brumbaugh wants Pennsylvanians to see Pennsylvania first, and he proposes to give a selected party a practical Field Lesson. The party consisting of about two hundred tourists will leave Harrisburg Monday morning, October 4th, take lunch at McConnellsburg, and spend the night at Bedford Springs. While it is not to be a speed test, it is expected that they will easily cover a thousand miles during the week, ending up in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon.

Make It A Fair.

Why not add a feature to the Harvest Home Picnic held annually in the Cove by erecting tables and pens of rough boards for the display of "brag" specimens of garden, farm, and home products. Everybody likes to look at big stalks of corn and grain, as well as other big things. In our observation, the only objection to a fair as a side show is that it nearly always grows into such proportions that the public demands two or three days time to take it all in. A coop of fine chickens, a pair of fine sheep or hogs, and even larger stock, are not hard to bring for a day, and sales and exchanges are frequently made in this way. It would pave the way to better cooperation.

Killed at Hancock.

Last Saturday afternoon as an automobile party composed of Charles Hinley, Jr., and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinley, of Long Island, N. Y., were crossing the tracks at Hancock, Md., they were run down by a train and all very seriously injured. An express train took them to the hospital at Hagerstown; but soon after reaching the hospital, young Hinley died. Mrs. Hinley's jaw and right leg were broken, and Mr. Hinley was much bruised about the head. The accident occurred within 200 yards of the Hancock station and was witnessed by many persons.

Lizard in His Mouth.

Our townsman Thomas Johnson was out along the Ridge, one of those hot days last week, and being very thirsty went to the Nesbit spring to get a drink. He picked up a small bucket at the spring, dipped some water, and began to drink without thinking it necessary to look into the bucket. After taking a swallow or two, he drew into his mouth a lizard about three inches in length and came very near swallowing it. He didn't swallow it. He did not want to swallow it. He spit it out and put his foot on it. The lizard was not to blame.

Some men are born bores, some acquire turgidity by constant practice and others tell Ford stories.—Kansas City Star.

Eight More.

On July 1st, eight more counties in Pennsylvania were added to the number that have organizations to maintain a county agent appointed by State College. This makes twenty-two counties in Pennsylvania that have these resident good fellows to spend their whole time with the people helping them to make life on the farm profitable and interesting, especially the younger set. Twenty-two is just about one third of the number of counties in the State. All will eventually have them. We would not like to see Fulton county tag in at the tail end. West Virginia has twenty-three agents.

Detailed accounts of the duties of these agents of the Agricultural Department have been so often published, that we need only to remind our readers that these men simply put the organized farmers of a county on a business footing exactly as corporations hire experts to guide their business and keep up the efficiency end. That day has long passed when every farm can be a little world of its own. Cooperation and vital connection with the great throbbing world of business is now absolutely necessary to the farmer if he would make the most of his business. This is the idea of "Farm Extension." Not larger farms; but the extension of farm interests, and there must be a trained "clerk" at the head of the business.

Horses Too Slow.

Nothing impresses one more than the fact that horses are now considered too slow for the citizens of outlying districts in Fulton county when they wish to visit the County Seat. Instead of having to spend parts of two days, as formerly, they now spend but part of one day while making the round trip in autos. Thursday of last week, six auto loads of witnesses, and others, from western townships attended a hearing in town in the settlement of the Levi Smith estate. George Layton, in his car, had W. L. McKee, Simon Layton and Lem Smith. George McKee had his wife, Miss Bessie Carlson and Philip Lanehart. B. W. Norris brought Jacob Miller, and Albert Hess, wife, and two children. C. T. Layton brought his wife and daughter Esther, and Henry Sharpe and wife. Aaron Layton brought his wife, Chester Layton and wife, and John Smith. Edward Diel brought Miller Truax, Sherman Truax, and Upton Plesinger. All spent several hours in town and returned home before dark same day.

Golden Wedding.

Tuesday, July 26th, was the golden anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon, of Thompson township. A few days previous to the event, word was mysteriously passed around that since such happy events are rare, the opportunity to celebrate one in honor of two highly esteemed friends and neighbors should not be lost, and that the celebration should be a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. Everything moved like clock-work for the entertainment of the bride and groom and the friends and relatives responsible for the joyous occasion. It was a day of good fellowship, capped by a royal feast. May Mr. and Mrs. Gordon live to celebrate their diamond wedding and then some. We regret that space forbids printing the names of the seventy-five guests who were there.

What Kind of "Chickens."

Has McConnellsburg any chickens to match this? A western town marshal advertises as follows: "I have been instructed by the Village Council to enforce the Ordinance against chickens running at large and riding bicycles on the sidewalk."

JULY HONOR ROLL.

List of New Subscribers and Others Who Have Paid Subscription During the Month of July.

A large percentage of the subscribers of the FULTON COUNTY NEWS are farmers, and July has been a busy month with them. But the farmer of to-day is a business man, and when his subscription falls due in July, he can meet the obligation in the same business like way that he pays his binder twine. This is gratifying, and it makes the life of newspaper men all the more tolerable in hot weather.

Thank, you friends. If there is anything wrong with your subscription account, or if the paper continues to come after you wish it discontinued, drop us a postal card and tell us about it. We want to play fair. If you have any relatives or other friends in the West that you think would be interested in the NEWS, send their names and addresses to this office with the request that we mail them sample copies. It might lead them to become subscribers, and it would not in any way make you responsible for the payment.

- Mrs. Cora R. Bennett 7-4-16
- Mrs. Sebent N. Barton 7-11-16
- Fannie Bernhart 1-20-16
- Wilson Baker 7-20-16
- Emory Booth 5-7-16
- John W. Bain 8-5-16
- Dr. A. M. Barton 9-15-16
- Joseph E. Chambers 11-9-16
- Levi Cordell 4-28-16
- Mrs. M. O. Chilcote 8-1-16
- W. B. Clevenger 5-19-16
- J. S. Engle 7-1-15
- Mrs. Ira P. Elliott 6-1-16
- G. W. Glenn 4-9-16
- Andrew Glenn 7-12-16
- D. O. Garland 3-8-16
- W. M. Greer 8-1-16
- James S. Gordon 6-12-16
- Mrs. Casper Gress 1-1-16
- Prof. E. M. Gress 9-28-15
- Leslie Harr 8-1-16
- R. C. Hockensmith 6-12-16
- Mrs. R. A. Hockensmith 7-1-16
- Nora E. Humbert 12-2-15
- Mrs. Martha Horton 2-4-15
- Bert Hess 4-7-16
- Aaron Hess 5-8-15
- E. C. Hann 12-10-16
- Miss Bessie Helman 2-1-16
- Jacob Jaymes 5-8-16
- Thompson M. James 3-14-16
- Charles Knepper 2-23-16
- Jacob Kauffman 8-17-15
- George Kriechbaum 11-1-15
- Ralph Laidig 7-8-16
- Mrs. E. H. Longman 7-1-15
- Aaron Layton 7-2-16
- Roy W. Layton 4-20-16
- J. W. Linn 7-15-16
- J. T. Laley 7-23-16
- Isaiah J. Layton 6-15-16
- Mary Mellott 6-12-15
- Mrs. Bertha Mann 11-1-15
- Wm. McEldowney 7-8-16
- Mrs. Margaret McCoy 8-27-15
- Emaline Mellott 7-1-16
- H. H. Minnich 7-22-16
- Reuben S. Mellott 1-10-16
- J. D. Motter 4-27-16
- Geo. McKee 5-3-16
- W. L. McKee 5-26-16
- Thomas Marshall 5-1-16
- Mrs. Catharine Ott 6-23-15
- John Pine 4-20-16
- H. E. Palsgrove 5-15-15
- Ira L. Peck 8-7-16
- Mary J. Robinson 4-11-15
- Augusta L. Robinson 8-1-16
- W. D. Roher 5-4-16
- C. M. Ray 9-19-15
- Harvey Richards 11-22-16
- Charles Richards 6-1-16
- John C. Ryder 7-12-17
- C. W. Snyder 7-15-16
- Mrs. C. E. Sheffer 9-6-16
- Geo. C. Sipes 10-1-15
- J. M. Spangler 11-13-15
- Geo. W. Swope 1-1-16
- F. R. Shives 7-15-16
- H. E. Shotts 4-1-16
- Mrs. Harry Skipper 4-14-17
- Wm. N. Stewart 6-2-16
- Raymond Shives 7-17-15
- H. M. Truax 6-14-16
- Mabel Van Niman 6-20-16
- John Wright 5-1-14
- Mrs. Scott Wagner 4-15-15
- Wm. M. Wagner 4-2-15
- A. B. Wakefield 8-2-16
- Geo. E. Zimmerman 2-1-16

Of Interest to Girls.

Men and boys must not flatter themselves that all the work of the Department of Agricultural Extension at State College, Pa., is intended for them. Every girl in Fulton county, between the age of ten and eighteen years, may compete for prizes in bread making, sewing, darning, mending, gardening, and indeed, in nearly every feature of homemaking. There are no prizes offered for catching beaux; but we have a strong suspicion that the girl who can win the most prizes for the foregoing good points will not need to "try" to catch one. The best beau will catch her if she don't look out. If you want to know all about these girls' clubs, write a postal or a letter, to Miss Pearl MacDonald, State College, State College, Pa., and ask her to send you information. It costs nothing except the stamp. This is no advertisement but it was written by the News editor to help his girl readers to have good times right at home, to learn from each other and from other girls in the State, how to make good homes and make money at the same time. You make money whether you win prizes or not. State College is maintained by the State, chiefly for farmers and their families, and every taxpayer should see to it that his family derive some benefit by taking advantage of every offer made by the College.

Twenty-Nine Questions.

At a joint meeting of the Inter county Judiciary Temperance League held in Gettysburg recently, a list of twenty-nine questions was agreed upon. The questions are intended to be answered by the candidates for President Judge of the Fulton-Adams district in order that voters may know where the candidates stand on the interpretation of the Brook License law. The questions cover every phase of the liquor question, and occupy three columns of newspaper space. They will be published in pamphlet form and every voter will be presented with one.

Tractor Demonstration.

Many farmers are watching the progress being made by manufacturers of small farm tractors intended to take the place, to some extent, of horses for drawing all kinds of implements. Our Illinois subscribers living near Bloomington, will have the opportunity to witness on August 23 to 28, demonstration work of all makes and sizes of farm tractors, when 600 acres will be ploughed by competing firms. We would appreciate a letter from some Illinois farmer who may attend that show. Tell us what you think of them.

Don't Blame the Butcher.

Don't get mad at the butcher if some day soon, you see a sign on his counter forbidding you to finger the meat. 5,000 cards are being mailed to butchers of the State to be hung conspicuously. These cards state in substance that you may not test the quality of meat by poking fingers into it. Sanitary Boards say that the public must no longer be compelled to buy meat into which people have poked their fingers, hence the cards. This means that here after, you must wait to test the meat until you reach home, then test it with your teeth.

First Time in 15 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wagner and son Harold, of Saltito, were in McConnellsburg last Saturday for the first time in fifteen years. Both were former residents of the County. Mrs. Wagner's maiden name was Bratton. She was born near Dublin Mills. They were accompanied on Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nycum, also of Saltito, and the object of their trip was merely to see old familiar places. They saw many changes in McConnellsburg.

Very Salty.

The salt production of the United States in 1914 was the greatest yet recorded, according to W. C. Phalen, of the United States Geological Survey, namely, 34,804,683 barrels of 280 pounds each, or 4,872,656 short tons, valued at \$10,271,358. Compared with the production of 1913, which was the largest previously recorded, there was an increase in production of 405,385 barrels and of \$148,219 in value.

Fell Off the Porch.

While playing on the back porch at her home on East Lincoln Way, Mary Louise, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Grissinger slipped and fell to the ground landing on her head. Dr. Mosser was immediately called, but could not find that the child had suffered any injury beyond the shock incident to an accident of that kind.

Laidig--Morton.

Mr. Ralph Laidig, son of Martin, L. Laidig, of Taylor township, and Mrs. Eva Mellott Morton, of Licking Creek township, were married at Needmore, by Rev. A. G. B. Powers, on Thursday, July 29, 1915.

In remitting the cash to advance her subscription to the NEWS, Mrs. Harry Skipper (Ethel Cisney) says the NEWS is a welcome visitor at her home every Saturday noon, and as an evidence of her sincerity, she paid it ahead well into 1917. Mrs. Skipper would enjoy it more if some one about the Cabins would take the trouble to send in the happenings every week and have them printed in the NEWS. There are a great many people formerly residents of Burnt Cabins and vicinity now living in western states who take the NEWS and they would appreciate hearing from their home town every week.

Nearly ninety United Presbyterians sat down to a feast of good things at the Big Spring on Brookside Farm last Friday evening when the members of the two Cove congregations met at their annual picnic. Outside of the social feature, the supper is the big item on the program at this yearly gathering. Any one versed in race characteristics would have known at a glance that that table was Scotch-Irish.

The citizens of Crook, Colorado, honored Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Buckley of that place, by presenting them with a beautiful silver set of knives and forks and other valuable tableware on the twelfth anniversary of their wedding, June 30th. Mr. Buckley is a son of Judge S. L. Buckley, of Fort Littleton.

Remember the date of the Harvest Home picnic to be held in Sloan's woods in Ayr township, next Saturday. We have heard that a permanent building may be erected there soon to afford a meeting place for pleasure, and agricultural business. A good idea; push it along.

The same Ohio boy that raised 139 bushels of corn to the acre in 1912 this year raised 55 2-3 bushels of wheat to the acre. If more boys preferred to do that sort of thing instead of becoming chauffeurs the high cost of living wouldn't cause so much loss of sleep.

After a very delightful trip of eleven weeks, during which time they visited relatives in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska, Mrs. David M. Kendall and daughter Miss Ella returned to their home in the Cove last Thursday.

Mr. John M. Spangler, connected with a large Railroad Supply House in Chicago, is spending a few days in McConnellsburg. His wife (Alice Hays) has been here several weeks.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

Ben Shimer and family spent last Friday and Saturday with relatives in Mercersburg.

After having spent three weeks in Gettysburg, Miss Mary Pittman returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. A. Harris is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. McKibbin in Hancock.

Will Alexander, near Chambersburg, is visiting his aunt Mrs. Alice Hoop in Licking Creek township.

Mrs. Thomas Clyde and children Helen and Thomas, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. Clyde's sister, Mrs. George Magsam.

Miss Kathryn Hoop, who took both the Spring and the Summer term at the Shippensburg Normal, returned home last Saturday.

Miss Annie Doyle returned home last Saturday after having spent several weeks visiting relatives in Shippensburg and Chambersburg.

Mrs. John B. Booth of Maddensville, spent last week in the home of her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. John P. Conrad, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stevens and grand-daughter Zola Raisbeck, spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives in, and around, Clear Ridge.

Max Irwin, of Pittsburgh, came Thursday evening of last week for a mid-summer vacation in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin.

Mr. John W. Bain, near Webster Mills, the only man by that name in the county, paid the NEWS the compliment of becoming a subscriber last week.

Mrs. T. W. Walker, (Scott Sloan) of Franklin county, is spending a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan, west Lincoln Way.

Misses Ruth Hoover and Elva Doyle, of Chambersburg, spent the time from Saturday morning until Monday visiting Miss Elizabeth Doyle, west Walnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motter and their two children, Donald and Ethel, of Altoona, spent a short vacation last week with Mr. Motter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motter, in Thomastown.

Mrs. E. C. Van Hart and her little daughter Catharine, of Lambertville, N. J., arrived in town Thursday evening of last week to be the guests of the former's parents, Hon. and Mrs. George B. Mellot, for two weeks.

After having spent about six weeks in the homes of her mother, Mrs. Keziah Johnston, and other relatives, near McConnellsburg, Mrs. O. R. Dunlap, and her son Donald, left for their home in Pittsburg, Kansas, last Friday.

Dr. J. G. Hanks, of Everett, made a round trip to McConnellsburg last Friday, and took home with him his daughter Helen who had spent three weeks in the home of her uncle, Mr. Frank Stouteagle, and her aunt, Mrs. John Sheets.

John Spangler and wife and the latter's brother Wilmer Hays and Max Irwin, made an automobile trip to Strasburg, Franklin county Tuesday morning to spend a few days among John's relatives in that vicinity. They were accompanied to Chambersburg by Mrs. Geo. A. Harris.

Frank Ott and his sister Edna drove to Everett Tuesday of last week, where they spent a few days in the home of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Karns. The latter part of the week, Miss Edna went to Altoona where she will spend a month in the home of her sisters Mary and Nellie—the latter Mrs. G. H. Knotts.