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

Mrs. S. F. Stiver.

Mrs. S. F. Stiver, wife of Samuel F. Stiver, died at their home in Bedford, Pa., Friday afternoon, September 3, 1915, after a protracted illness of chronic indigestion. The funeral took place on the following Monday, and interment was made in the Bedford cemetery.

The deceased was a daughter of Abraham and Rachel Peck, and she was born in Belfast township, this county, August 22, 1855; hence, at her death she was 60 years and 12 days.

On the first day of January, 1879, she was united in marriage to Samuel F. Stiver, of Bedford, and was a resident of that town during the remainder of her life. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: Maye Virginia wife of William H. Ayres, and John—all residing in Bedford. During the 37 years immediately preceding her marriage she was a successful teacher in the public schools of Bedford county. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Young, of Somerset. Mrs. Stiver was a member of the Lutheran church. She is survived by three brothers: Bennett, McConnellsbury, Siles, Vicksburg, Mich.; and Mason, Bedford Springs. Her death followed that of her brother Wilson just a few days.

John J. Decker.

John J. Decker died at his home at Mench, Bedford county, Friday, August 27, 1915, aged 67 years, 10 months, and 1 day.

The funeral conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. N. Garland, of Edmore, took place on the following Monday and interment was made at Warfordsburg. Mr. Decker was twice married; the first time to Miss Eliza Fisher, daughter of the late John Fisher, of Bethel township. To this union four children survive, namely, Roy, Augusta, Mich.; Howard living in Bedford county; William McKee and Mrs. Thomas Mann—both living in Union township, this county. His second wife was Mary Morris, of Mench, Bedford county, who died eleven days prior to that of the deceased.

Mr. Decker was a native of this county, and spent most of his life here, removing to Bedford county only a few years ago. He was a very excellent citizen and enjoyed the confidence of a wide circle of friends.

Jefferson C. Wible.

Jefferson C. Wible, a respected citizen near Saluvia, after a lingering illness, died Saturday, September 4, 1915, of cancer of the stomach, aged 54 years, 9 months, and 2 days. Mr. Wible was a son of Frederick, and Rebecca Wible who preceded him in the grave a number of years. The following brothers and sisters survive: Reuben near Chambersburg; George, near Hyndman Bedford county; Adam, at home; Mary J., wife of Rev. Nathan T. Bishop, near Hustontown, and John at home.

Funeral services were held on the following Monday at Sideling Hill Christian church, conducted by Rev. E. J. Croft, and interment was made in the cemetery near by.

Mrs. Catherine Decker.

Mrs. Catherine Margaret Decker died at the home of Dennis Hill in Bethel township, this county, Friday, September 3, 1915, aged 79 years. The funeral took place at the Cedar Grove Christian church last Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. E. J. Croft, assisted by Rev. P. P. Garland, of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Decker is survived by the following children: a son residing in Somerset; Mrs. Samuel Henderson and Mrs. John Crawford—

Recent Weddings.

Swope-Ott.

Mr. Howard B. Swope, a native of Licking Creek township, and Miss Helen Lauretta Ott, daughter of Mr. William Ott, of Ayr township, were married on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of the groom's sister Mrs. J. W. Booty in Bedford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George W. Faus, of the M. E. Church. Mr. Swope is well and favorably known in Bedford having been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad for several years, and the bride is one of Ayr township's estimable young women.

Jackson-Ritchey.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1915, at the home of the bride's parents in Breezewood, Mr. Treverton Jackson, of Akersville, and Miss Stella Ritchey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Ritchey, were united in marriage by the Rev. D. J. Frum, pastor of the Rays Hill M. E. church. A sumptuous wedding dinner was served after which Mr. and Mrs. Jackson left for an extended honeymoon trip through the West. They will reside, after their return, at Breezewood.

Shimer-Mentzer.

Paul Sylvester Shimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christmas Shimer and Miss Katherine Enola Mentzer, daughter of Mrs. Asenath Mentzer—all of McConnellsbury, were married in Chambersburg Tuesday by Rev. Wm. A. Kump, of the Lutheran Church. The groom is one of the town's popular barbers and the bride a former successful school teacher. The young people have the best wishes of their many friends.

Hill-Bard.

On September 7, 1915, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret Bard, Mr. Oscar Hill, son of Hiram K. Hill, and Miss Della Enola Bard—both of Needmore, were quietly married by the Rev. E. J. Croft. These are prominent young people. They will go to housekeeping soon. A wide circle of friends wish them happiness and prosperity.

Away for the Winter.

The following teachers and students have recently departed for their respective schools: Misses Dorothy Hamil, Esther Kendall, Dorothy Kirk, and Maudaleen Stevens to attend Shippensburg Normal. Miss Grace Shimer to teach in New Jersey; Miss Ada Rexroth to teach in Newtown, Bucks county; Misses Zoe and Jessie Mason to teach in Akron, Ohio; Miss Lois Mason to attend Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport; Jean Johnston, Catharine Hoop and Walter Johnston to Shippensburg Normal; Russell Nelson to teach in Princeton Public Schools; Russell Stevens to University of Pennsylvania to study dentistry; Ethel Hays to teach in New Jersey; Mary Baumgardner, West Chester.

Old Lady Killed.

On Monday of last week, an aged lady, Mrs. Lucinda Jay, of West Providence township, Bedford county, was instantly killed by a train two miles east of Bedford. She was late to reach the station to take the train and ran across the track in front of the train with the foregoing result. Her maiden name was Lucinda Leasure, born in Bean's Cove, both of Union township; and by one brother, Abner Morgret, residing at Berkley Springs, W. Va.

William Miller.

Since publishing the obituary of William Miller last week, the following additions have been received at this office. He was born February 7, 1839. Died August 29, 1915, aged 76 years, 6 months, and 22 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Reidell. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted on September 19, 1864 in Co. I, Penna. Vol., and was mustered out June 6, 1865.

Sad Death of Young Man.

Last Saturday afternoon, between four and five o'clock, a well dressed young man called at the office of Dr. J. W. Mosser and not finding him in, sat down on the porch to wait the Doctor's return. In the course of a half hour or more the Doctor returned and found the man in a stupor, but still conscious. The visitor told the Doctor that he had been drinking heavily, having taken ten drinks of whiskey while on the way from Chambersburg in an autobus. This was, probably, not true, for no one could be found who saw him take anything but a little beer at the stations. The man gave the Doctor a name and address that was fictitious, as afterwards developed. In a short time the sick man became unconscious and was carried into the office and laid on a couch. He then began breathing with difficulty and was carried to the lawn in the rear of the Doctor's office where fresh air and plenty of it could be had. After the Doctor and several citizens had done all they could for the sufferer's relief, it was determined to take him to the Chambersburg hospital. A fast car was secured from Rush Cline's garage, and at 7:05 the Doctor and three assistants started to that place. In less than an hour the hospital was reached. Nurses and physicians at once recognized the man as a resident of Chambersburg, he having been a patient there on several occasions for treatment for the "dope" habit. The parents were notified but nothing could be done to relieve the victim of the poison, and he died at 11 o'clock that evening. The man's name was Robert W. Bickley, of Chambersburg. To Doctor Mosser he gave another name, saying that he was from Roanoke, Va. Sheriff Harris did a lot of telephoning to try to locate the man, but failed to find a clue. He had nothing on his person to indicate who he was, or where he was from. It is supposed that he could not secure enough "dope" in Chambersburg where he was known, and in desperation, he wandered to this place, hoping perhaps, that a temporary supply might be secured. If this was his object, he failed. Bickley looked to be about 25 years of age. He was an electrician, and his parents are highly respectable citizens of Chambersburg, and were almost prostrated with grief to find their son dying in a hospital from the effect of his folly.

Car Burned.

One day last week, as a large Winton car carrying a party from Missouri was coming up the east side of Cove mountain, an overheated engine set fire to the car, and burned parts of it so badly that it was towed to the Cumberland Valley railroad and shipped to the factory for repairs. Fire was first discovered under a seat, and very soon a box of exploding .38 caliber cartridges warned the passengers that it would be at the risk of their lives to work too near the car, and this prevented swift action toward saving the machine. Car was fully insured. Party finished journey by rail.

Lime Equivalents.

Every year brings more young men into the business of farming and they want to know some of the things that older men in the business learned long ago. We find so many inquiries about lime that we are persuaded to repeat the following table for their benefit.

One ton of freshly, burnt lime (stone lime) makes about a ton and a half of slacked lime, or hydrated lime, for the latter is nothing more than lime slacked quickly by the application of steam or water, and sold at a big price. In either case you have but a ton of lime, the balance being water absorbed in the slacking.

MIDDLE AGE.

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

For all that has been said to the contrary this is the middle aged man's day. You can talk of the early recognition of competence, youthful success and what does it all mean but that a man reaches middle age with more years of successful endeavor behind.

A generation or so ago a business man who devoted himself assiduously to golf or tennis would probably have lost his credit at the banks and have been looked at askance by his business associates. Now-a-days there are thousands of successful middle aged business men who regularly devote a certain portion of their time to rational exercise. This is fortunate as conditions have changed, our cities have increased in size and the environment of business is more restricted. Our grandfathers had much open air life thrust upon them, today it must be sought.

Cheeks bronzed from exercise in the open air stamps many a middle aged man as a devotee in rational sports. College athletics are probably responsible for a share of this improvement and public health teaching and a struggle for individual efficiency for the balance.

The man who has succeeded young is perhaps more jealous of his physical powers than one who has plodded on to a middle aged realization of his hopes.

There is a movement for temperance on the part of unnumbered thousands of middle aged men. Temperance in eating, in the use of alcohol and a rational indulgence in exercises which will keep up the physical poise. There are hundreds of country clubs today where there was one twenty-five years ago and it is the middle aged men and not the youngsters who most persistently frequent them. It is well that this is a growing movement for it will aid in offsetting the increasing mortality from degenerative diseases.

The pressure of life and the struggle for existence is growing keener and it behooves the man who has reached the noonday of life to give serious consideration to his physical well being if he wishes to hold his place in the harness.

To Exhibit Live Stock.

There is to be Harvest Home picnic next Saturday, at Red Bridge Park, Franklin county, Pa. Committees are hard at work to have an exhibit of live stock at the picnic. Prizes consisting of cash, various articles, and ribbons, will be given. It is said that much stock will be exhibited. This is right in line with what Cove farmers have advocated for the annual Harvest Home picnic in Ayr township. We have it on good authority that a move has been made to erect suitable buildings for entertainment and exhibition purposes on the Cove grounds. We feel sure that McConnellsbury would help such an enterprise along.

Governor Sticks for Drys.

Gov. Hatfield, of West Virginia, in a recent speech made public the fact that he would not consider the calling of a special session of the legislature in order to repeal or weaken the prohibition law of the State. He said that he believed that the majority of the people wanted drastic prohibition and it was his duty to carry out the wishes of the public.

Reports from West Virginia circles say that petitions have been circulated to influence the calling of a special session of the legislature in order to pass a law to allow the drinking of light wines and beer.

McConnellsbury's Day.

Last Saturday was McConnellsbury's day for holding religious-temperance meetings like those held in the several townships. The speakers from a distance were Evangelist Beard, chaplain of the West Virginia Legislature. Another was R. J. Funkhouser, a resident of Hagerstown and well known about Hancock and Lower Fulton county as a dealer in lumber. These two men are red-hot temperance advocates, and made stirring appeals to the citizenship of this county to stick together to nominate the candidate for District Judge whose record indicated "The best hope" for a reasonable temperance official. The secretaries elected to canvass are; Ruth Roettger, Minnie Reiser, Harriet Sloan, Winnie Kendall, C. J. Brewer, Frank Mason, Clarence Saville, and S. A. Nesbit.

He Saw the Torpedo.

Rev. George A. McAllister, of Chambersburg, who was a passenger on the Arabic when a German torpedo destroyed it, has been heard from by letter. His description of the incident agrees with published reports that the boat was torpedoed without warning. The Doctor saw the torpedo coming, and with three others ran for belts. He put one on a little girl and dropped her to safety into a lowering lifeboat. He then helped two women adjust life belts. He put his own on as the boat was sinking and jumped over the side into a small boat. He saw many drown. They fell into the water when the sinking Arabic caught the life boats and overturned them. Had the Germans given the men women and children even ten minutes warning, all could have been saved.

Lest on Mountain.

One night last week when the fog was so thick on Cove mountain that auto drivers not familiar with the road had difficulty in keeping on the road, a strange car lost the track at the clearing near Seylar's ice cream stand on the top. Rush Cline came along and helped him into the road and directed the driver to follow him down the mountain. Mr. Cline drove very slowly, but he soon discovered that the stranger had stopped. Walking back to where the car was standing he found the bewildered driver holding the wheel and looking at the rapidly drifting fog and mistaking it for receding roadway. The fog was drifting back past him and he did not know that his car had stopped.

State S. S. Convention.

The State Sabbath School Convention, to be held in Erie, Pa., October 6-7-8, will afford the friends of the Sabbath Schools of the State a grand opportunity to attend a great convention. The Sabbath Schools of the County are urged to send delegates. The program for the convention will be ready soon. Programs, information, delegates credential entertainment cards, &c., will be furnished by W. C. Patterson, Field Secretary for the Fulton County S. S. Association.

To Prevent Hog Cholera.

An item that will be of interest to subscribers near the Maryland line is the one that pertains to the bringing of hogs across the line into Pennsylvania. The rules are very strict on account of the danger of cholera. A card to the State Livestock Sanitary Board, Harrisburg, Pa., asking for circular number 36 will bring all the details too long to print here. Cholera is being carried along railroads; but a few precautions will prevent accidental outbreak in new territory.

J. Rex Irwin left on Monday for Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., to begin his senior year in that institution.

Organize Military Clubs.

President Wilson, despite hysterical criticism, has succeeded in keeping this country out of actual warfare—and with honor too. But since nearly every European and Asiatic country is either actively engaged in war, or, is threatened by war, excitable men of more or less public influence may disturb the balance so that this country may at any time be plunged into the whirlpool of strife that is destroying nations. Up to the time of the outbreak of the present war, this country occupied a position in the brotherhood of nations that shielded it from any great danger of unprovoked attack, and the general public has always refused to permit the country to be saddled with a great standing army that, in itself, constituted an invitation to others to attack us or gave warlike Americans a vehicle for the exploitation of their personal advancement. However, a semblance of danger of but recent origin has arisen, owing to foregoing reasons, and since the President recommends it, we pass the word along that the men in country districts could form local training camps or clubs, and not only receive training in military tactics for an emergency call, but they could have a lot of good entertainment. Drilling and the necessary self restraint that goes with it, are good for a man. Local conditions have made it natural for many Fulton county men to become good rifle shots. Many old veterans can drill a company of men and it would afford good pastime for many this winter to prepare themselves to take command of companies of soldiers in case a call came. Rural companies that can be sent to the front at once in the defense of their country always receive special mention in the roll of honor. Other companies of "raw recruits" have to receive months of training before they can be of any use. Do not get excited; there is probably no war near; but the training would be good for young men in any case. It is part of the program for young men who attend State College, and the newspapers have been "bragging" of the great number of graduates that could be called upon in an emergency. Why not have a Fulton County company?

They Want a Cannery.

The Businessmen's Association, of Bedford, is working hard to establish a cannery for the fruit growers of the county. There is every prospect of success. The Hancock cannery paid a 10 per cent. dividend at the close of the first season, and they enlarged the plant last fall.

Many Fulton county men with whom we have talked, want outlets for their products, among which would be a cannery and evaporating plant. Thousands of bushels of apples, and other fruits, go to waste annually for want of a public condensing plant of this kind, but no one seems to take the responsibility of making the start. The establishment of just such work is part of the County Agent's business (but where is he?)

Another plant that would pay, would be a public slaughter house where "Fulton County Hams, Bacon, and Lard" could be produced cheaply and advertised at a cost of but a few cents per member. Autoists have frequently inquired in McConnellsbury "Where can I get a good country ham?" With a reputation soon made, we could sell thousands of hams, &c., at some point on the Lincoln Highway, and get almost city prices—just enough less to tempt autoist to take them with them. Hello, County Agent! Pshaw, we haven't got one—yet.

Judge and Mrs. W. B. Stigers were guests in the home of Burgess and Mrs. L. W. Seylar last Saturday afternoon.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Miss Honore Dickson, of Philadelphia, spent a few days visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace.

Mrs. A. E. Riley and son Warren, are visiting this week in the home of Mrs. Riley's brother at Big Cove Tannery.

Mrs. H. V. Black (Mame Skinner) and children, of Huntingdon, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Stevens, near Clear Ridge, spent part of last Friday in town for the first time in many months. Mr. Stevens has not regained the full use of one of his hands which he had badly injured last spring while loading lumber at Three Springs.

Miss Barbara Martin who had been spending the past few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Lydia J. Martin in the Cove, left on Thursday of last week for Tyrone to teach the same school she taught before. Miss Martin spent most of the summer with friends in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mort, near Clear Ridge, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harnish, of Woodvale, autoed to Waynesboro last week and returned Monday, stopping a short time in McConnellsbury on the return trip. While away they visited Frank Mort and Mrs. W. E. Stouffer. The party were traveling in Mr. Harnish's Maxwell.

Working at Reservoir.

The work of connecting up a number of springs with the town reservoir has been going on for some time, and last Saturday, two springs were tapped and securely walled up and pipes laid to the reservoir. More were finished on Monday, and it is expected that by next week, 13 springs will have been cleaned, walled over tightly to keep them pure, and all fed into the mains through 3- and 4-inch cast iron pipe. Some trouble is being experienced with the foundation of the reservoir—it leaks. Workmen are trying to permanently remedy the defect. For many years, the town has been supplied with water from some of these springs; but the water ran to the reservoir over the surface of the ground, and, of course, all dirt and filth was carried with it, and the frequent rains of this summer kept the water in an almost constant state of extreme impurity. We may, therefore, in a short time, expect to receive at our faucets, water as pure as Nature can distill it through the rocks under Cove mountain. The water is good—it being neither too hard for washing purposes, nor too soft so as to become insipid to the taste. Under the new system of supply, there need be little fear that a scarcity of water like we experienced last summer will occur if the reservoir holds it as received, because all the water of the springs will be saved, which was not the case when it had to wend its way over the surface and much of it lost. The pure water will add greatly to the reputation of the Burg as a health resort.

Licking Creek S. S. Convention.

The District S. S. Convention for Licking Creek township will be held in Sideling Hill Christian church September 12, 1915, at 10:30 and 7 o'clock. At the morning services we will have as speakers, Rev. Powers and Rev. Croft A. U. Nace, W. C. Patterson, and Hon. John P. Sipes. At the evening services we will have Revs. Lewis Duvall, E. J. Croft, and Lewis Wible.

R. R. HANN, Dist. Supt.