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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

### MILBURN AXON.

Milburn Axon died at his home in Wells Valley, Friday, September 15, 1916, of typhoid fever, aged 38 years. The funeral conducted by his pastor Rev. C. F. Weise of Three Springs, took place on the following Sunday, and interment was made at Hope well. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

### GEORGE ADAMS.

Mr. George Adams died at his home in Wells Tannery, Wednesday, September 13, 1916. His remains were laid to rest in the No. 1 cemetery on the anniversary of his seventieth birthday. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. James R. Dalling of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Adams is survived by his wife and two sons.

### MRS. H. C. WISHART.

Mrs. Howard C. Wishart died at their home in Camden, N. J. on Monday, September 11, 1916, of ptomaine poisoning, and interment was made at Huntingdon, Pa., on the following Wednesday. She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

### A Pretty Home Wedding.

A very beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Laidig of Hustontown, Pa., when their daughter, Miss Lou Emma was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Michael Holland of Philadelphia, at 10:30 September 9, 1916. Rev. Geo. Reidell was the officiating minister. The bride was becomingly gowned in white conventional veil, and carried a beautiful bouquet of Brides Roses, Lillies of the Valley, and Maiden Hair Fern. Miss Kathryn Dunlap, of Center county, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Lewis McLean of Philadelphia was best man. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Mrs. H. J. McClain, sister of the bride. The house was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers of the season. The bride was the recipient of many pretty as well as useful presents. Refreshments were served, and at 1:30 the bride and groom left in an automobile for Chambersburg enroute to Philadelphia where they will make their future home.

### Will Stewart Had Wheel Smashed.

A few days ago, while Mr. W. N. Stewart and his wife were driving on Sideling Hill, a heavy car from Latrobe ran into his buggy from the rear and knocked a lot of spokes from a wheel. Congested traffic and a low bright sun caused confusion and the consequent accident. Dr. William A. Jamison, owner of the car, promptly assumed responsibility and gave Mr. Stewart his address and requested a bill for repairs to the buggy when the work was completed. No one was hurt in the crash. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are residents of Trenton, N. J., and are spending their vacation at Will's old home at Green Hill.

### New Cemetery Fence.

The Presbyterians of Green Hill and vicinity held a meeting on the church grounds on Tuesday and removed the old fence which enclosed the cemetery and replaced it with a neat wire structure. Dinner was served to the workers on the ground. Pastor Rev. J. L. Yearick attended and assisted in the work. The congregation is to be congratulated for their pride in keeping up the grounds. The membership is very small, and anything that calls for expenditure of cash it means sacrifice on the part of the faithful remaining members.

Miss Ruth Cooper was entertained at the homes of Franklin county friends last week.

## McCONNELLSBURG TO THE FRONT.

Citizen "Civic" Would Take Advantage of Opportunity to Impress Travelers With Our Civilization.

The Lincoln Highway has helped to a great extent to put McConnellsburg on the map. We live in the midst of one of the most beautiful mountain regions through which the Highway passes. Tourists passing over the Tuscarora Summit cannot help but exclaim over the beautiful view from the top of the mountain. Naturally they would expect a clean up-to-date town that has the advantage of being surrounded by such environment.

How they are disappointed on entering our town to see almost every vacant spot marred by a growth of weeds and a place for debris to accumulate; buildings unpainted and unkept; streets and crossings in an unsightly condition and alleys scarcely passable.

Have we no pride in our own home town, the town of which we should all be proud; can we not make it a beauty spot, one in which every stranger will want to stop a second time?

It is not enough to keep our own properties in repair and presentable but we should extend our domestic pride into civic pride and interest ourselves in our whole vicinity.

How much better for our children to grow up in the midst of beauty than surrounded by slovenliness. Our lives are influenced to a great extent by our surroundings and surely we should take pride enough to give our children the very best we can afford and our community can afford.

We all have our love for the beautiful, and our love for the beautiful helps us love the pure and divine, but we must be trained in what is really beautiful. Each one can contribute his little to make our environment what it should be to give us this training.

Our Civic Club is yet very young but even in the short time it has been organized it has created an intense interest in community improvements and we need the cooperation of every citizen of the town and vicinity. Let us help up McConnellsburg on the map not merely as a stopping place for travelers but a town made beautiful by the interest and help of its residents.

Contribute something either in work or funds to bring the town to the front and make it as William Penn said of the city which he founded, "a fair green country town such as I delight to see."  
—CIVIC.

### 5000 Bushels of Tomatoes.

Robert M. Renfrew, ex-prothonotary of Franklin county is now in the midst of packing and canning a crop of 5,000 bushels of tomatoes, which he has raised on eighteen acres of his farm near the South mountain. He has forty people engaged in the work and the crop will make six carloads.

Mr. Renfrew is demonstrating beyond doubt that it is not necessary to go south to raise tomatoes, and establish a profitable canning business. The soil, climate, and other conditions make Fulton county an attractive place for just such enterprises; and with the completion of the railroad to McConnellsburg, the question of marketing the product will be solved.

### DICKSON—PORGER.

At the Smithfield Street M. E. church, on Wednesday, August 30, 1916, Rev. J. T. Pender, united in marriage Mr. Emmert R. Dickson, formerly of Philadelphia and Miss Lela Porger, of Two Harbors, Minn.

Geo. Skiles, wife and child, of Taylor township, were guests in the David Forner home in East Extension, one day last week.



FRANK DIXON.

Frank Dixon, whose picture is shown above, is the lecturer at the Chautauqua, Wednesday evening, October 4th. It is a great family, that Dixon family—A. C., now pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle of London, successor to the great Spurgeon; Tom, novelist and playwright; Frank, lecturer.

Don't lose a minute getting your ticket and selecting your seat in the auditorium for the Chautauqua. Three days—afternoons and evening, October 3-4-5. It was a splendid success last year, and we have the promise of a much stronger program this year. Season tickets only \$1.25. For Sale at Seylar's Drug Store.

### An Appeal to Town Council.

Again has the NEWS been requested to act as mouthpiece for an indignant public. This time the complaint is against the useless, diabolical noises made by leaving open the cut-out in automobiles while they are being driven through our streets. Another source of bitter complaint is the testing and speeding of engines while the machines are standing along our curbs. No conversation nor business transaction can take place while these noises are going on. Times with out number, business men have to wait for them to cease. The noise of engine testing has been kept up for as long as ten minutes at a time when it was necessary for somebody in the neighborhood to converse, and the cut out nuisance seems to be chronic with some drivers.

There is scarcely a day that the speed limit within the Borough is not violated, and this is more frequently done by our people than by strangers. If the speed stunt and the cut-out racket were practiced in Chambersburg it would cost just \$12.50 for each and every performance. Our Town Council is expected to see that the citizens of the Borough have conferred official honor upon them. Then, Gentlemen get busy. Don't wait until after the funeral of some child run down by a reckless driver.

### Autos Collide.

Last Saturday afternoon, a Dodge car from Pittsburgh was descending Sideling Hill, and at Lady's Turn, the driver either slowed down or stopped to inquire of Rush Cline, the way to some point south of Saluvia. Just then a Ford from Pittsburgh dashed into the rear of the Dodge and both cars were damaged. While the cars were being repaired in McConnellsburg, the Ford driver sued the Dodge driver before Justice Peightel, who gave judgment for costs six dollars—and two dollars and fifty cents damage. We are of the opinion that the best part of the whole affair is that at least two drivers will use their brains next time they drive over a steep, winding road.

### The Ladies Did The Work.

Europe is not the only place where women have taken the place of men in the fields. Right here in McConnellsburg the ladies of the several churches, tired of waiting for the work to be done through other channels, got together recently and cleaned up the churchyards of the town. They managed to secure a little help where the use of the scythe was necessary, but in many instances, the growing rubbish was cut away by means of sickles, butcher knives and shears. And where hoes, rakes, lawn mowers and wheelbarrow were necessary, the ladies did not hesitate a moment to blister their hands in the manipulation of these instruments. Some of them gave a day and a half to the work out in the hot sun. We want all the world to know that the ladies of McConnellsburg "are too proud to fight" with the other sex when it comes to a matter of choice between letting the last resting places of our friends grow up in the disgraceful manner recently indicated, or whether they will put their Lords off with a cold dinner for a day or two while they remedy the grievance independently of stomachs. We have not heard, nor do we expect to hear, of any "stomach troubles" due to foregoing reasons. All honor to ladies of McConnellsburg. After the blisters heal, they will be found again superintending the affairs in homes of refinement and culture, where weeds of a far different nature are never for a moment permitted to find lodgment in the family circle.

From away out in Santa Rosa, California, came a dollar post office order a few days ago, from Mrs. R. A. Hockinsmith to pay her subscription to July 1917. We are expecting our first frost for this fall, while out where Mrs. Hockinsmith lives they are getting ready for a pleasant season of mild weather.

Miss Sallie Reeder, of Altoona, was a recent guest of Mrs. Nettie Truax for several days.

## Open Sheds for Sheep.

Sheep sheds may combine efficiency and economy. The Pennsylvania State College has demonstrated that sheep wintered in an open shed having a southern exposure, free from draughts and affording a dry bed, are in better physical condition than wintered in a warm, ill-ventilated barn basement. During the lambing season, of course warmer quarters are necessary. Ewes may then be removed to warmer quarters and later replaced in the shed. After lambs are three days old they will not suffer in the open sheds, even during zero weather.

The shed used to house experimental ewes and lambs at State College adjoins the south side of a hay shed. The sheep shed is 60 feet long and 30 feet wide and cost \$200. Its capacity is 100 mature sheep. It was built of hemlock lumber over a superstructure of oak posts. The roof and west end are covered with tar paper. An alley six feet wide runs the full length of the inner side of shed. The hay shed attached affords a place for storage of feed and lambing pens.

The shed is divided into seven pens for experimental purposes. Three lots instead of seven can probably be more desirable under average farm conditions. Under such conditions, also, breeding sheep in winter quarters should be divided into groups with reference to age and condition. Breeding sheep should be separated from fattening sheep. An exercise yard thirty-two feet wide adjoins each pen. They should be well drained and dry.

## The Governor's Visit.

Next Tuesday afternoon, September 26th, between three and four o'clock, Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh accompanied by representatives of the Agricultural Department, and the State Highway Department, expect to visit McConnellsburg and Webster Mills. The object of the visit, as given out some time ago, is to collect information concerning agricultural needs and conditions in the State. For this reason, the party was asked by the people of Fulton county to tarry a little longer inside our borders than was at first intended, and the trip to Webster Mills resulted. It now remains for the Cove people to point out to these men local needs and conditions if we are to have our share of what may be recommended for future legislation in the State. Every farmer in the County is requested to hear what the Governor may have to say in his ten-minute talks at McConnellsburg and at Webster Mills.

## Important Decision.

An important decision handed down in Common Pleas Court at Pittsburgh, Pa., by Judge Davis, holds that the State is not responsible for accidents arising out of negligence on the part of employees of the State Highway Department in not keeping state roads in proper condition.

At the last Legislature a number of enabling acts were passed permitting individuals who suffered such personal injuries to bring actions against the Commonwealth to recover damages; but the Court has held that even in these cases the actions cannot be maintained.

The question was decided in a suit filed by William G. Dietrich, of Indiana township, who was authorized by an act passed June 8, 1915, to bring suit against the Commonwealth to recover any damages due him from injuries suffered while driving along a State highway in the county.

Fernando Decker, of Licking Creek township, has a six-acre field of Silver Hull buckwheat that averages three feet high, but much of it stands five and a half feet. The hot sun did not affect it and it is well filled.

## YOUR MAIL.

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

Do you read your morning mail at the breakfast table? Have you ever used a knife or fork to open your letters? It is not an uncommon practice and yet an uncleanly and dangerous one.

The post-office is essentially a public utility and it is universally used by all classes of people. A common point of destination may put my lady's dainty note beside a dirty scrawl from the viles of slums.

Millions of pieces of mail matter are handled. A certain number of these come from people who are suffering from all kinds of diseases, some of them loathsome and infectious.

Stamps and envelopes, contrary to hygienic rules are for convenience sake frequently licked. Despite quarantine precautions mail sometimes comes from the houses where cases of communicable disease exists which have not been reported.

Mail bags are not subjected to regular disinfection, and are not so cleaned as to make them safe from the danger of becoming a factor in the transmission of disease.

During the recent epidemic of infantile paralysis many of those working on the disease formed the opinion that it may be carried by a third person. It is not unreasonable to presume that the disease may be carried through the mail.

## Alfalfa.

BY B. W. TRUAX, D. V. M.  
Burr Oak, Kans., Sept. 16.—It is with much gratification that I note the interest being manifested in my county, concerning the production of one of the most prolific, as well as nutritious of our hay crops.

Being located in what is known to be one of the principal alfalfa growing regions of the country, I am in position to know its limitations and possibilities. Thousands of bushels of seed are produced in my vicinity, and the hay is one of the main reliances of the region. However, alfalfa, like anything else of value, is not strictly of unalloyed perfection as a feed, and I wish to acquaint those, who are unfamiliar with its feeding qualities, of two dangers in connection with its use.

First: Under no consideration must cattle be permitted to graze upon the green alfalfa, as it very often results in fatal bloating; but the well cured alfalfa hay, when fed judiciously, never affects cattle seriously in this manner.

Second: An exclusive diet of roughage in the form of alfalfa is just as preposterous as substituting an exclusive diet of cake for bread by human beings, as both are too nutritious. Alfalfa should never form more than one third of the roughage consumed by stock of any kind. Access to all the alfalfa hay which an animal can consume, is very liable to result in digestive and other systemic disorders of the animal organism. Keeping these two disadvantages in mind it is probable that no other crop would prove more profitable than a small yield of alfalfa upon Fulton County farms.

## Tag Day.

Under the auspices of the Civic Club, McConnellsburg is to have its first Tag Day October 4th. The purpose is that every man woman and child will wear a tag—not an "automobile tag" but a neat tag that the wearer may show his or her hearty approval of this worthy work. The tags will be sold by a number of our young ladies. The price what you choose to give. The proceeds to be used for the improvement of our town.

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## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Miss Lydia Martin, of Berkley California, is visiting in the old home south of town.

J. D. Hoop, of Ebensburg, visited his father, J. D. Hoop, Sr., near Andover, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Stewart, of Trenton, N. J., are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stewart, on Green Hill.

Marie Keefer, of Chambersburg, was a guest in the Morrow Kendall home, in the Cove, last week.

Miss Jennie Stewart, of Green Hill, was a guest for dinner in the Watson Lynch home last Saturday.

Miss Mina Alexander, of Ayr township, visited in the William Cline home, at Fort Littleton, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Spangler, of Hancock, were guests of McConnellsburg friends a few days this week.

Paul Bricker, of Harrisburg, called on his cousin, Mrs. Raymond Paylor, in the 'Blue House' last Saturday.

Daniel Clevenger and wife, of Ayr township, were recent guests of William Bivens and family, East Extension.

Miss Lottie Starliper, of Fort Loudon, was entertained in the D. E. Little mansion in McConnellsburg from last Saturday until Monday.

Dentist Geo. S. Edwards, of Greencastle, passed through McConnellsburg a few days ago on his way to visit his former home in Wells Valley.

Mrs. John Sheets returned home first of the week after having visited her daughter Mrs. May Miller in Hopewell, and in the home of Dr. Hanks in Everett.

Mrs. Winifred Kendall and Mrs. Ben Shimer and the latter's two children, went to Mercersburg last Friday to visit Mrs. Kendall's daughter, Mrs. Martin Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jackson, of Brush Creek township, were guests in the home of the former's brother, Attorney J. R. Jackson, in McConnellsburg, last Saturday.

Miss Ethel Logue returned to Baltimore last Saturday after having enjoyed McConnellsburg hospitality and good pure air for about four weeks.

Mr. Merrick Stoner and two daughters, Mrs. Annie Davis and Mrs. Carrie Russell, all of Bedford county, were guests of Mr. Stoner's brothers Albert and William in McConnellsburg, last Saturday.

Merchant Andrew Witter wife and son, of Waterfall, in their auto, accompanied by Mrs. Mac C. Kerlin, near same place, and a nephew, Pryor Witter, were among the shoppers in McConnellsburg last Monday.

Mr. W. R. Berkstresser, Leona Berkstresser, and Margaret and Marian Wright—all of Taylor township, recently, inspected the News printing plant. Mr. Berkstresser brought us a box of peaches that will be hard to equal for size and quality.

Mr. Richard W. Swope, a former Fulton county teacher, and for the past twenty-one years a trusted employee of the Penna. R. R. at Pittsburgh, visited former home scenes in the Licking Creek Valley last week and spent a day calling on friends in McConnellsburg.

Harvey Helman and family, of Mercersburg, and Irvin, and family, of Newville, were guests latter part of last week and a few days this week in the Helman home on north First street, and on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mowen, of Mercersburg, were entertained in the same home.