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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

MRS. LEE SIPES.
Mrs. Jennie Deshong Sipes, wife of Lee Sipes, died at her home near Coshocton, O., Sunday November 19, 1916, following an illness of abscess of the liver. The deceased was a daughter of the late Abraham Deshong, and she was born in this county September 6, 1864; hence, she was aged 52 years, 2 months and 13 days. In the year of 1885 she was united in marriage to Lee Sipes also of this county. Shortly after their marriage they removed to Ohio and settled at first in Canton. Later they moved again making their home this time in Franklin. Mrs. Sipes was a member of the Coshocton Church of Christ and her entire life was marked by her faithful adherence to the principles of her faith.

She leaves her husband and one son, George of the home. Another son Edward died when but three years old. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Dishong of McConnellsburg and the following sisters and brothers survive; Mrs. George Myers, Warfordsburg; Mrs. Fannie Voorhees, Knobsville; Mrs. Annie Mellott, McConnellsburg; and brothers, are Conrad of Franklin; Cleveland James and Shadrach all of McConnellsburg, Pa.

Hill--Morgret.
Mr. Sheldon Hill and Miss Nellie Morgret were married in Cumberland, Md., Thursday, November 16, 1916. Both the bride and groom have been very successful teachers in the public schools of this county, but for some time Mr. Hill has had a responsible position with the United Railways Company, and stationed in Baltimore.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hill spent the time until Tuesday on a honeymoon trip and visiting their relatives and other friends, when they went to Baltimore where they will be at home to their many friends. The NEWS joins in extending most hearty congratulations to this worthy young couple.

Not a Shiver.
A. W. Clevenger, a former Taylor township boy, but for several years prominently connected with the Prudential Insurance Company of America, and stationed in the city of Sacramento, Cal., writes: "When we read of the old thermometer hovering around zero in places in the United States and in others, 20 below, it doesn't create even a shiver here. This is a great climate. With the exception of an occasional frost, we have had perfectly clear sunny days. This city is rapidly coming to the front and it is predicted that it will be THE city of the Pacific Coast."

John Hann, a member of the special police force, Pittsburgh accompanied by Sergeant Fred Beck and Lieutenant Nona, and John's good friend S. Miller who has an Overland car, made the trip from Pittsburgh last Thursday and spent a few days visiting John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hann and other relatives and friends. The party spent a day or two in the woods, and will have some Fulton County boys to show their friends when they get back to the Spokoy City.

At the Monday afternoon session of criminal court in Chambersburg, Judge Donald P. McPherson, presided. This was Judge McPherson's first appearance on the bench in a Franklin county court.

Mrs. Mumma, son Daniel and daughter Pearl and Merrill Melott spent Sunday in the home of E. Gobin.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Horse Frightened at an Automobile Plunges Through Fence Breaks Its Neck and Dies Instantly.

Not long ago, Hoyt Glenn, who lives on the Esther Sloan farm in the Cove, purchased the Geo. Pittman farm from C. Murray Ray. Monday morning, Hoyt went up to the Pittman farm to haul some fodder, telling his twelve-year-old son Charlie, that Charlie might come up to the farm on horseback later in the forenoon.

Harvey Unger, living near Cito, is one of Ayr township's road supervisors and had to go to Webster Mills to a township settlement that morning. Charlie on horseback and Mr. Unger in his Buick-six met rather unexpectedly at the top of Sloan's Hill and the road being very narrow at that point, the horse with its youthful rider was crowded down over the bank, and the frightened horse plunged through the fence. The horse's feet becoming entangled in the rails, the horse, a valuable mare worth \$175, was thrown headlong with its youthful rider, the boy being thrown to the ground and the horse passing over him alighting on its head, breaking its neck and dying instantly.

Mr. Unger stopped his machine as soon as possible, went to the boy who did not seem to be seriously hurt and took the boy to the boy's home, and Doctor Mosser was summoned.

Walter Gress Lost Eye.
Two weeks ago, the NEWS told of a shell exploding and injuring one of Walter Gress's eyes. Walter is 15 years of age and a son of Mrs. Rhoda Gress, of the Cove. On the 20th of November, Walter was in the act of firing a gun at an old tin bucket. He noticed when he put the shell into the gun, that the shell was rather tight and so it was, for when he pulled the trigger, a piece of the rim of the shell flew back and hit him in the right eye. In the hope that the sight might be saved, he was taken to the hospital in Chambersburg, but after careful consideration, it was deemed best to remove the eye. This was done last Saturday afternoon. His mother and his sister Bessie, (Mrs. Geo. Richards), went to Chambersburg Saturday and remained until Sunday. While in Chambersburg, they were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Horst.

Walter is getting along first-rate now and will be home in a day or two.

Horton--Croyl.
A pretty wedding took place at the home of James B. Horton in Wells Valley last Sunday at noon when their son Alfred R. was united in wedlock to Miss Nancy M. Croyl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Croyl at Saluvia, by the Rev. C. F. Weise pastor of Pine Grove M. E. church. Miss Eleanor Sipe was bridesmaid and Mr. Oscar Franks best man.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Greenland, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Duvall, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Batdorf and son Walter, Mrs. Belle Anderson and family Hartman, Willie, Anna, Alice, Mary and Roland; James Horton, wife and children Miss Amy, and Clyde and Robert.

Lee B. Cattlett Hurt.
While hauling in cornfodder last Saturday, Lee B. Cattlett was dragged from the load by some overhanging apple branches and he fell to the ground sustaining painful injuries. Dr. Fisher was summoned from Needmore and rendered necessary aid. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little and the latter's sister Mrs. P. P. Shives went down last Sunday to see Mr. Cattlett, who is a brother of Mrs. Little and Mrs. Shives, and they report him getting along as well as might be expected.

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Splendid Weather, Good Attendance, Practical Instructors, Popular Entertainers, and Everybody Happy.

County Superintendent Thomas has a reason for shaking hands with himself in token of appreciation of the fact that his county Teachers' Institute is working so satisfactorily. The responsibility connected with this part of his official work is attended with no little risk and worry and there always comes a sigh of relief when it is over.

His teachers are all present, where it was possible for them to be present; the committees are on the job, the instructors



J. E. THOMAS,
County Superintendent.

know their "pieces" and the work of the institute is going on as smoothly as a new eight-day clock.

Of course, it is out of the question to print all the good things the speakers say, but the hints and suggestions given will be taken back to the school room next week, and the thousands of Fulton County boys and girls in our public schools will gradually absorb the instruction given this week at the institute and the standard of popular education be elevated to a higher plane.

Educational Meeting.
The fourth local institute of Union township was held at Fairview School on Friday evening, December 1, 1916.

Questions discussed; 1 Algebra Importance of, and how taught? 2 Civil Government, How taught to beginners?

The schoolroom was tastefully decorated and a splendid literary program was rendered.

Teachers present from Union—Jessie Hoopengardner, Lily Ritz, G. B. Mellott, J. O. Stahle, and Kenneth McKee; from Brush Creek, Cecilia Barton, Elizabeth Hixson, Edith Fix, James Davis and Roy Plessinger.

Directors present, S. E. McKee J. C. Hixson.

We thank the visiting teachers for the interest taken and invite them back again.—Lilly Ritz, acting secretary.

The fourth local institute of Taylor township was held at Gracey December 1, 1916. The meeting was called to order by the teacher, W. H. Ranck. The topics for discussion were: 1. Physiology. 2. Child Study. 3. Writing. Teachers present were Alice Cutshall, W. H. Ranck, W. G. Wink, Howard Knepper, Thad Winegardner, Eugene Chesnut and Ethel Sipes, of Taylor, Fred Lamberson and Jessie Cutshall, of Wells and Ray Hess, of Huntingdon county.

The next local institute will be held at Laidig, Dec. 29th. Topics for discussion are:—1 Discipline. 2 Geography, How taught to all grades. 3 How should a teacher spend his evenings during the term of school.—Ethel Sipes, Sec.

Among the out-of-town people attending the Institute Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Berkstresser, their son Leonard their granddaughter Eunice McCoy, and Ivan Wright—the son of a niece. They made the trip to town in their Dodge car.

THE OLD SOUTH PENN.

Part of the Great Steel King Schnab's Scheme Includes the Building of This Railroad.

Harrisburg, Dec. 2.—Charles M. Schnab's plans for the development of his Bethlehem Steel properties will not only mean much to the development of this city and Steelton, through the building up of the Steelton plant but may make Harrisburg the central point between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia on the old South Penn railroad.

Railroad men who have been following the negotiations between the Pennsylvania railroad, which is interested in getting the home Bethlehem plant on its system, and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, which owns the Lehigh and New England railroad, see in the move one to revive the South Penn.

As far as the negotiations have progressed the contemplated plan of the two transportation companies is to run a line starting at Dauphin or Duncannon, which latter plan would necessitate the building of a new railroad bridge across the Susquehanna river, through the Lykens valley to Schuylkill county and then to a point near Tamaqua, where it would join the Lehigh and New England railroad. This plan contemplates the purchase of a half-interest or a bare majority of the latter railroad's stock. This line passes through Poughkeepsie and thence over the New Haven system.

Letter from Harry Boerner.

While Harry Boerner has been away from McConnellsburg more than a score and a half of years, he is well remembered by many McConnellsburg people who were his schoolmates during his boyhood days. Harry has been a shut-in for a long time, suffering greatly with rheumatism and kindred ailments. Under date of November 29th, Harry writes from his home in Shannon, Ill., as follows: "Enclosed I am sending a dollar for another year's subscription to the NEWS. We would not want to think of trying to get along without hearing regularly from our old home. We have had a fine fall out here—but very few days of cold weather. To-day is just like spring. Mother's health is just about as usual. She is still able to do her own work—even to the family washing—besides taking care of me. I had a very hard time of it for eight weeks this summer, during which time I was not able to be out of bed, and I surely did some suffering. But now I am feeling better than for a long time—have a good color, and mother says I am getting fat. She says if I keep on, I will have a double chin like she has. I am still under the doctor's care. He says he likes chronic cases, and he is doing some experimenting on me. Among other ailments I have loco-motor ataxia. I am willing for him to see what he can do, for he is not likely to do me any harm, even if he does me no good. I think my legs are beginning to get stronger. The doctor injects the medicine into my hips twice a day.

Living is high here: apples \$4.50 a barrel; potatoes, 55 cents a peck, and very scarce at that.

I would like to be back in McConnellsburg when the railroad is completed, and ride in on the first train. I shall be pleased at any time to get a letter from any of my old schoolmates and my friends.

HARRY C. BOERNER,
Shannon, Ill.

Mrs. Harrison Cutchall and her neighbor, Mrs. P. C. Mellott, near Knobsville, were welcome callers at the NEWS office while shopping in town last Friday Mrs. Cutchall renewed her subscription and Mrs. Mellott had her name added to the already long list of subscribers.

ANNUAL FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Enid, Dec. 18-19; McConnellsburg, Dec. 20-21; and at Needmore Dec. 22 and 23.

The annual Farmers' Institute under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will start in Fulton county on Monday, December 18 and will continue throughout the week with meetings at Enid on Dec. 18 and 19; McConnellsburg on Dec. 20 and 21, and at Needmore on Dec. 22 and 23.

County Chairman, Mr. Frank Ranck, of Hancock, Md., has arranged attractive program for all of the meetings and subjects vital to the agricultural interests



FRANK RANCK,
County Chairman.

of Fulton county will be discussed by the State experts who have been assigned. J. T. Campbell, of Hartstown, Pa., is the section leader and one of the State Farm Advisers. Mr. Campbell is a successful poultryman and soil expert. Leon Otice Van Noy of Troy, Pa., is an expert on dairying, and J. Stuart Groupe, of Jersey Shore, Pa., will speak on soil fertility, potato culture, hog breeding and corn culture.

Some of the subjects Mr. Campbell will discuss are: Restoration and Maintenance of the Productive Power of the Soil; Lessons from Experience in Tile Drainage; Poultry Feeding and Care of Chickens; Problems of the Large Poultry Farm and two evening lectures.

Mr. Van Noy will speak on: Feed and Care of the Dairy; The Silo; Swine as a Side-line with Dairying; Soil Fertility; and the Care of Milk.

These meetings are held for the special benefit of the farmers and their families and the instructors are practical farmers who have made a success in the lines of agriculture about which they speak. Farmers who have any problems should attend these meetings and get the advice of the experts. Farmers and the general public interested in agriculture throughout Fulton county are urged to attend these meetings as they offer much advice that will be profitable in increasing and producing better crops on the farms.

Had Appendicitis.

Mrs. J. L. Garland, of Mercersburg, has just returned home after having spent two weeks with her daughter Pearl (Mrs. L. Weisel) in Pittsburgh, who has been very ill from an attack of appendicitis. Mrs. Garland had spent a month in Pittsburgh with Mr. and Mrs. Weisel and had been home but three weeks when she was called back on account of Pearl's illness. Pearl's many friends here will be gratified to learn that she is out of danger, and convalescing nicely.

A private letter from U. S. G. Mann, formerly of Saluvia, but for several years one of Burlington, Colorado's successful citizens reveal the fact that Grant is planning to drop in on his old time Fulton County friends "one of these days" when they are not looking for him. All right, come ahead, old boy, we'll not tell anybody.

RAILROAD "DONE GONE."

Boss Left For Parts Unknown, Sheriff Garland Temporarily Superintendent.

On the quiet, the NEWS wishes to say to any of our distant Fulton County friends that may be delaying a visit to McConnellsburg, "Don't wait to come in on our new railroad, but come to Chambersburg and inquire for Sheets's or Murray's autobus." Our railroad has just had a relapse and its condition now is awakening the gravest apprehension.

In the fall of 1914 two gentlemen by the name of Post and Shearer came into this community and organized a company to build an electric road between McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon. The contract was let to Bennett and Smith, of Greensburg, practical railroad builders, who spent the summer of 1915 working on the Fort Loudon side of the mountain. For lack of funds, the work closed down at the opening of winter one year ago. Last spring, Clyde E. Coon, of New York, appeared on the scene organized a new company, changing from an electric, to a steam road. Contracts for the construction were let, work began, and it was carried on vigorously until about ten days ago, when the men refused to work longer without getting their pay. Coon who had gone to New York to get money did not return, and legal proceedings were instituted to attach his property and as far as possible secure the laborers and others who had claims.

But, there is another chapter. Monday, the Lemaster National Bank, at Lemasters, Franklin county closed its doors, and it was found that Coon had succeeded in tunnecing the cashier, Mr. Enos Myers, out of more than \$50,000.00. This Coon did by placing in the hands of the Cashier a supposed "draft" on a New York institution and drawing funds from the Lemaster bank on the credit of that draft. Later Coon succeeded in getting the "draft" from the cashier, and now both Coon and the draft are not in sight.

Coon tried to work the banks in this county, but our banks are not "easy."

All Coon's effects consisting of mules, machinery, etc, are in the hands of the Sheriff.

Subcontractor McLean, who used several thousand dollars of his private funds to pay his men, is a heavy loser.

It is unfortunate that after having done so much work on the construction of the road that it should come to such an abrupt termination. The NEWS has been criticised for not giving more railroad news, but we have always felt that the best news would be the announcement when the road was completed.

From Clara Powell Riggins.

Barr, Mont., Dec. 2, 1916. DEAR EDITOR:—I was gratified recently to see in your paper a report of what was accomplished by the women voters in Utah at the late election.

As women are allowed to vote in this state (Montana) the report was especially interesting to me. We, of Montana, feel proud of our state in this fall's election; for our state has gone "dry" by a vote of nearly 2 to 1. We succeeded in electing to nearly all our offices men who stand for prohibition, and we also, had a direct vote on the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors. In but one town in the entire state, did the "wets" get a majority.

Montana will go down in history as being the first to send a woman to Congress. This we did in the person of Miss Jeanette Rankin.

I hope the good people of my native state, dear old Pennsylvania, will put their shoulders to the wheel and help to add the Keystone state to the other nineteen states of the Union that have put John Barleycorn out of business.

FAT AND FORTY.

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

Forty is an unlucky number for men five feet eight or under if it is the waist measure. Any number above that is equally to be avoided. Over weight is dangerous and is indicative of several things. Either the appetite is not controlled, insufficient exercise is taken or the diet is made up of improperly selected food stuffs.

If any or all of these things are to blame it is the part of wisdom to seek expert advice and begin the remedy forthwith. To sink into the placid indifference of the fat and forty stage is a crime against your health. It means in all probability that the liver and kidneys are overworked and the results of any such strain prolonged is at times fatal.

There is another reason which is worth almost equal consideration. To over-feed undermines one's health. Physical fitness has a distinct bearing on a man's mental attitude and unfitness has also. The man who, through neglect and lack of control over his appetite, begins to eat himself into an early grave, loses his crispness of thought. The self respect which every man who achieves things should have for himself as a clean well groomed animal, is lacking.

Don't weakly excuse yourself if you have unconsciously slipped into this class. Get busy and work yourself out of it before it is too late.

Advantage of Fall Plowing.

"Fall plowing is a practice that leads to the destruction of the larva of the click beetle, known as the wireworm, the white grub the larva of the June bug and the cutworm, the larva of a night flying miller or moth well known by its fluttering about lights during summer nights," says Franklin Menges, soil expert of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

"The reason why fall plowing is usually so destructive of these larvae is that they construct an encasing among the roots of the plants upon which they feed at this season of the year, or perhaps a little earlier in the southern section of this State, and several weeks earlier in the northern areas, in which they pass the winter.

"Any farmer who would prefer spring plowing but fears that his land might be infected with any or all of these larvae can find out by spending a little time in examining the sod field which is to be planted with corn the next spring and if any or all of these larvae, the six legged yellowish or brown wireworm or the white grub recognized by every one and the greenish greasy looking cutworm, are there it would be advisable to fall plow such a sod and set it on edge so as to break up and expose the encasing and in this way destroy hundreds of these enemies of the corn crop.

"During the soil investigations this fall quite a number of sod fields, the soil of which should not be fall plowed, because they are loams and gravels but because of the presence of these larvae, fall plowing of these fields are suggested."

Cutchall--Ambrose.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Rev. E. J. Croft at 11 o'clock on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, 1916, when Mr. Lloyd Cutchall, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Cutchall, of Todd township, was united in marriage to Miss Nora Ambrose daughter of Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, of Licking Creek township. The happy couple are among Dane's very best young people and have the best wishes of a large number of friends for long life, happiness and prosperity.