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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

JEREMIAH LAIDIG.

Jeremiah Laidig, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home at Hustontown, Friday, December 28, 1916, aged 71 years, and 17 days. The funeral conducted by his former pastor, Rev. W. M. Cline, of Ft. Littleton, assisted by Rev. Reidell, of Hustontown, took place last Sunday, and his remains were laid to rest in the Hustontown Cemetery.

Mr. Laidig had been a great sufferer from Rheumatism for a long time, but bore his affliction with true Christian fortitude. For many years, he was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. As a soldier in the Civil War, he served as a Private in Company K, 22d Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He was taken prisoner by the Confederates at the battle of Fisher's Hill and confined in the prison at Salisbury, N. C. He is survived by his wife, one sister and several half-brothers. He was a substantial man, a good true citizen and enjoyed the respect of a large number of friends.

JACOB SHARPE.

Jacob M. Sharp died in Pittsburgh, on Saturday, December 23, 1916, and his remains were interred in the South Side cemetery in that city on the following Tuesday at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon.

The deceased was a son of John and Lucina Mellett Sharpe, and he was born on the old Sharpe homestead, north of Greenhill on the 6th of June, 1853; hence, he was aged 63 years, 5 months and 17 days.

He was married to Miss Emma Kerlin, who survives, together with the following children: Madie, wife of George W. Sipes, Quapaw, Okla., Neal and Verdie in this county.

MRS. JEANNETTE THORNLEY.

Mrs. Jeanette Thornley died at her home in Philadelphia, Tuesday morning, December 26, 1916. Her remains were taken to Wells Valley and laid to rest by those of her late husband. Mrs. Thornley was a daughter of the late Joshua Edwards and was born at the old Edwards homestead about 53 years ago. She was married to Mr. Thornley at Six-mile Run. Since the death of her husband, which occurred several years ago, she has resided much of the time in Philadelphia. She is survived by one son, Dr. Harry Thornley, of Bellfonte. Mrs. Thornley was a sister of the late Allison S. Edwards of Wells Valley.

HENRY EARL STRAIT.

Henry Earl Strait, aged about two months, son of Henry and Kate Strait, of Pleasant Ridge died about 10 o'clock on Wednesday evening of last week, caused by cold in connection with measles. This is the second child to die in their family within a period of two weeks. The parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this sad affliction.

As Others See Us

From Everett Press.
A story from Hancock has people all excited again over there and in lower Fulton county. Some one has looked over the land and said that there is oil under the surface somewhere. According to the geology of the region, the fields would extend northward into Fulton county and maybe it will mean a railroad into Fulton from that end. Still, Fulton has had such stories printed about it before. Once an imaginative correspondent had McConnellsburg's streets paved with gold, while another had a mountain of iron just back of the town. Fulton county people will take the oil and the railroad when they come.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

The Franklin Dramatic Club of our neighboring town Mercersburg, presented the comedy, "David Garrick," in the high school auditorium New Years evening much to the pleasure of a "full house." The players, among whom was our own Hazel Garland, were possessed of the real spirit of Old England society in the fourteenth century, and the quaint costumes added to the fascination of clever acting. No unimportant part of the entertainment, was the selections rendered by the Mercersburg orchestra. Business manager Harmon B. Hege, another Fulton County product, proved himself as capable in the play business as in that of merchandising.

Our word for it: The town that wants the Franklin Dramatic Club on the "profit sharing basis" will make no mistake in hitching up with the bunch.

Hale and Hearty.

Among the out-of-town men at the County Seat last Saturday attending to business was Mr. Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton—one of the men that do not seem to get older as the wheels of time roll along. Mr. Baldwin was born at Myers Mills in Adams county, Pa., on the 25th day of January, 1831, and if spared to see his next birthday he will be 86 years of age. Mr. Baldwin has been a miller, practically all his life. After coming to this county, he milled five years at Potts Mill in Ayr township; then 10 years at Hunters Mill at Webster Mills; then he purchased the mill at Fort Littleton, and has had charge of that during the last 46 years.

Percy Mentzer Hurt.

Monday morning Percy Mentzer of the East Extension went to the top of the mountain on the Lincoln Highway, with two horses for a load of wood. After loading the wood and starting to return, the horses found they could not hold the load and started to run, then the coupling pole broke and the horses took the front part of the wagon leaving the load to skid over on the bank when Percy was thrown off and very seriously injured. He was brought to town at noon by the Chambersburg Bus and his injuries were attended by Dr. Robinson.

New Pastor.

Rev. C. F. Jacobs, of York, Pa., recently elected to the pastorate of McConnellsburg and Big Cove Tannery Lutheran churches, will, with his family, arrive in McConnellsburg today to take charge of the work. Rev. Jacobs will preach in the Big Cove Tannery church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and in the McConnellsburg church at 7 o'clock in the evening. During the past fifteen years, Rev. Jacobs has been pastor of a very thriving church in the city of York, Pa. He is a strong man and we welcome him to his new field of labor.

Coal Goes Up Again

The retail price of coal, already seventy-five cents a ton higher than at this time last year, has been advanced twenty-five cents a ton. Should prediction of dealers prove correct, there will be another jump of twenty-five cents before the end of January. Increased charges apply to all classes of so-called "prepared," or family sizes—egg, stove, chestnut and pea coal.

Glunt--Kuhn.

Wash Glunt and Ida Maye Kuhn were married at the parsonage of the officiating minister, Rev. Edward Jackson, Thursday December 21, 1916. The groom is a son of John Glunt, of Knobsville, and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kuhn, of Ayr township.

OUR DISTANT FRIENDS.

Interesting Extracts from Letters Recently Received from Former Fulton County People.

MRS. META BERKSTRESSER CROMWELL, Three Rivers, Mich. Dec. 18, 1916:—Find enclosed one dollar to push my subscription ahead for another year. We have had a very cold week just past, but have had a beautiful autumn, and it has been a blessed thing for coal is very expensive as everything else. The cheapest soft coal is seven dollars a ton; hard coal eleven dollars; potatoes two dollars and twenty-five cents. Two years ago when we came to Michigan, potatoes were selling for twenty cents a bushel and then there was no sale for them; now, as wages are too low, we expect to make a change in the spring.

Part of the farming country here is level as a floor, while some of it is as hilly as the biggest hills in Pennsylvania. They raise beans, potatoes, and cabbage by the whole fields, and cucumbers by the quantity.

POSTMASTER J. S. GORDON, Natrona, Pa., Dec. 18, 1916:—My dear Mr. and Mrs. Peck:—Enclosed find check for three dollars and ten cents on account subscription to your noble paper. I assure you that it is looked for each week, and read and reread with pleasure.

We have a third class office, but start village delivery January 1, 1917. Wish you and yours the compliments of the season.

I. N. HORTON, Enola, Pa., Dec. 19, 1916:—Find enclosed \$1.00 which please place to my credit push my subscription ahead another year, taking the advantage of your offer before the advancement of your subscription to \$1.50. I cannot think of discontinuing my old Fulton County letters as I always look forward for my paper each week to hear from my old time friends. It affords me great pleasure to learn that one is doing one thing; another something else and occasionally I must admit that my heart is made quite sad when I learn of some of my friends and associates being laid away to rest never more to travel around through this sinful world; then, again I rejoice in the hope that I can meet them on the other shore. Now, dear editor could we not have a few items once in a while from Clear Ridge, my former home? I almost feel homesick when I read your paper and fail to find any Clear Ridge News. Will not some industrious young gentleman or lady pen a few of the doings around old Clear Ridge for the benefit of the many who formerly traveled around among them in years gone by?

L. C. KELLY, Kansas City, Mo.:—Enclosed please find money order for two dollars to advance my subscription to your paper. I am thankful that to the West and especially to the Suffrage States belongs the credit for the re-election of President Wilson. Mrs. Kelly joins in best wishes to yourself and wife.

HARRY A. GORDON, Sylvan, Pa., Dec. 20 1916:—Enclosed please find check for three dollars for paper to May 29, 1917. I like to get the NEWS every week. I always like to know what my Fulton friends are doing. Wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

REV. H. W. NEWMAN, Bently, Pa.:—Enclosed find check of \$3.00 to be applied in subscription to the NEWS. We cannot do without your paper. It's always like a letter from home. We have plenty of snow and fine sleighing. Mr. Peck, I shall always remember you kindly as one of my good teachers and one of my best friends.

Under Its Own Roof.

A deal has been consummated by which the Fulton County Bank has become the owner of the fine brick block at the corner of Lincoln Way and Second street, in which the Bank is located. The purchase was made through Real Estate Agent D. Hunter Patterson from the owners, Hon. Peter Morton and son Earl.

This is one of the most desirable business locations in town, having a frontage of fifty-five feet on Lincoln Way East, and fifty-five feet on North Second Street, running back to the Post Office. Besides the large commodious, and handsomely furnished rooms for banking purposes, the building contains a large store room, lodge room, living rooms, and office rooms, which in addition to making a permanent home for this popular banking institution, will be a good investment.

It is the pride of every Bank to own its own home, and we congratulate the Fulton County on securing such a desirable location.

New Year's Day.

New Year's Day in McConnellsburg was not very different from other days. Just as the town clock struck the hour of midnight the Court House bell and the Lutheran church bell began to ring out the "glad new year" while for a half an hour there was a din of cannon crackers, fire arms, and other loud noises. Then everything became quiet the awakened children went to sleep, and staid in bed a little later next morning for the interruption.

Monday evening, everybody went to the auditorium to hear the Franklin Dramatic Club, and with that the first day of 1917 came to a close in McConnellsburg.

Big Car Turned Turtle.

Tuesday afternoon a Hagers-town contractor was descending the east side of the Tuscarora mountain on the Lincoln Highway, when the icy condition of the road caused his car to skid, and in an instant, the whole outfit went down over the bank, turning turtle. The car which was a large one, weighing about two tons, was badly damaged but miraculously the two men in the car escaped with only slight injuries.

Truax--Keefe.

Howard W. Truax, son of Abner and Matilda Hill Truax, of Belfast township, was married in McConnellsburg on Thursday December 21, 1916 to Miss Marie Alice, daughter of Denton and Sarah Jane Keefe, of Sylvan Franklin county, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, of the Reformed church. The NEWS extends congratulations to this worthy young couple.

Guillard--Mellott.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in McConnellsburg on Thursday of last week, Rev. Ed Jackson united in marriage Lawrence W. Guillard, son of the late Peter and Lucy Clippinger Guillard, of Wells Tannery, and Miss Carrie Mabel, daughter of Baltzer F. and Margaret Cutchall Mellott, of Harrisonville. The happy young people have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Will Marry Young

Magistrate Poffenberger, of Mercersburg sent the proper papers, with consent of the parents, on which Clerk of Courts Paul D. Turner issued a marriage license to Harry Oscar Clever, aged 19, and Dorothy R. Lowans aged 15, both of Mercersburg.—Public Opinion.

Lillian Brewer is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mann, at Indian Springs.

Educational Meeting.

The fifth Local Institute of Taylor township was held at Laidig Dec. 29th 1916.

The meeting was called to order by the teacher, Howard Knepper, after which he appointed Mr. John Kelso president.

The topics were:—1. Discipline in school, on the playground, on the road to and from school. 2. How should a teacher spend his evenings during the term of school? 3. Geography, how to be taught to all grades?

The topics were well discussed by the teachers present:—Beatrice Mellott, Howard Knepper and Ethel Sipes from Taylor, and John Kelso, Jennie Cromer, and Etta Snyder of Dublin township, Rush Wagner of Todd township, and Thelma Metzler of Licking Creek township.

The pupils rendered a nice literary program.

We thank the teachers from the neighboring townships for their help given us.

The next Local Institute will be held at State Road School Jan. 12, 1917.

Topics for discussion are:—1. Algebra Importance of, How taught? 2. Nature study, 3. Value of an education. All friends of education are invited to attend. Ethel Sipes—Sec.

The sixth local institute of Ayr township was held at McNaughtons School, December 29th.

Six teachers of the township were present and were ably assisted in the discussion of the questions by Supt. Thomas and Russell Nelson a former teacher of Ayr, now principal of the Grammar School in Princeton, N. J., and also by a number of the patrons.

The questions discussed were: 1. Individual Work. 2. Moral Training and Character Building.

The literary work rendered by the school was entertaining and well prepared. Next institute will be held at Corners School, January 12th.—Martha G. Kendall, Secretary.

The fourth local institute of Brush Creek township, will be held at Akersville School on Saturday evening, January 13, 1917. Questions for discussion: 1. Special Exercises. 2. Books; their Effect on Character. 3. Little Annoyances, and How to Deal with them. Teachers, directors and patrons are requested to attend.—Minnie Lynch, Secy.

HIGHER EDUCATION IS WORTH

19,000, Says College Dean

State College, Pa., Dec. 26—Dr. Arthur Holmes, dean of the general faculty of the Pennsylvania State College fixes the monetary value of a college education at from \$18,000 to \$20,000. His estimate was based on a comparison of the salaries of college-trained men with those not having the same advantages. According to Dean Holmes, the average yearly salary of the college man is \$1187, while \$518 is the average annual income of the non-college man, a difference of more than \$650 in favor of the man with higher training. Thirty year's work will make this advantage worth \$19,500 according to Dean Holmes calculation.

Evangelistic Services.

Evangelistic Services will begin in the McConnellsburg M. E. Church, Sunday, January 7th. Subjects as follows:—Sunday, January 7, morning 10:30—Personal Work. Evening 7:00—What Shall I Do With Jesus? Monday, January 8—The Wages of Sin. Tuesday, January 9—The Transformed Life. Wednesday, January 10—Rejoicing Angels. Thursday, January 11—The Great Physician. Friday January 12—The Tragedy of Memory. Sunday January 14—Sowing and Reaping. All evening services at 7 o'clock. EDWARD JACKSON, Pastor.

Winter Care of Sheep Flock

Large lamb losses are due to improper care of ewes previous to lambing. The feeding practice followed at the Pennsylvania State College is as follows:

Ewes are bred during September and October, insuring February and March lambs. The latter part of November ewes are taken off pasture and placed in winter quarters. During the first month they receive as much clover or alfalfa hay as they will consume with two and one half to three pounds of corn silage or roots daily to each animal, in addition to hay. About January first ewes receive a limited grain ration varying from one fourth to one half pound per day depending on their condition.

Ewes receiving a grain ration before lambing always produce more milk for lambs. The grain mixture used at State College farm consists of 5 parts shelled corn, 3 parts oats, 2 parts wheat bran and 1 part of oil meal.

After lambs are born the ewe will not consume as much roughage feed. More grain is then necessary to give a milk flow sufficient for the best growth of the lamb. The grain mixture should be increased therefore one-half pound or more daily per ewe, depending on her condition and also upon the number of lambs she is raising.

Next to proper feeding, exercise is considered the most important factor in keeping ewes in good condition for lambing. Exercise lots should be well drained to prevent sore feet. It is well to allow ewes to range on pasture during the winter, since exercise gives strength and enables them to produce lambs with less effort and of a stronger, more vigorous type.

Sour Milk for Laying Hens.

While the production of eggs during the fall and winter when high prices prevail is the result of proper breeding, hatching, rearing and care, proper winter feeding will always tend to stimulate egg production at that season.

One reason why hens lay well in spring and summer is that they are able to obtain animal protein in the form of bugs and worms. During fall and winter, therefore, the poultry feeder should attempt to imitate summer feed conditions. The commercial poultryman supplies animal protein by feeding beef scraps, but the farmer often fails to provide this feed.

Skim milk, preferably sour, is a most excellent substitute for beef scrap and will give good returns when fed to laying hens. Numerous experiments have shown that laying hens fed skim milk will double in egg production similar hens fed no form of animal protein.

According to F. D. Crooks of the Pennsylvania State College school of agriculture and experiment station, the exact value of sour milk as a source of protein, is difficult to state. Numerous feeding trials, however, place its value at 50 cents to \$2.00 per 100 pounds.

Skim milk lowers the cost of producing a dozen eggs. On the farm it may mean the difference between profit and loss in connection with the farm flock. Sour milk has a medicinal effect also. It keeps hens in good health and helps prevent disease.

Cromwell--Wagner.

At the office of the officiating Justice-of-the-peace A. D. Peightel McConnellsburg, on Christmas day, Mr. Gladstone Cromwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cromwell, of Maddensville, was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Eva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Wagner near Hustontown. Both bride and groom are estimable young people and have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Convened at Needmore Friday, December 22nd. Closed Saturday Night.

The Farmers' Institute was called to order by Mr. Ranck, after which devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. L. Funk.

The first period was occupied by J. Stewart Groupe. His subject was "How to grow potatoes at a profit." Mr. Groupe said in part that farmers should manure early and plow down rye or wheat about, knee high so as to make the ground productive and thus avoid scabs. Potatoes should be cut about the size of a hen egg and plant about twenty-five bushels to the acre. They should be planted about fourteen inches apart and should be covered shallow after which they should be cultivated level so as to hold the moisture. To kill bugs, one-half pound paris green to fifty gallons of water was given as an excellent formula.

The Needmore school then rendered some music after which a story for the children was given by J. L. Campbell which was greatly appreciated.

Music was then again rendered by the Needmore school after which the subject of "How to lay a foundation for the dairy herd" was discussed by L. O. Van Noy. He suggested that Guernsey and Jersey were the best breed of cattle but a record of each cow should be kept.

The evening session of the institute was opened by the audience singing "America." The first subject of the evening was "The farm of life," which was discussed by J. L. Campbell, a man who has had his ups and downs in life and who by his straightforward talk, very ably discussed the subject.

Music was then given by the Needmore school after which a recitation was rendered by Miss Catharine Hart.

The "Welfare Club" was then organized by Mrs. Benz. Mrs. J. J. Palmer was elected President, Miss Marion Sipes, Vice President and Mrs. S. L. Wink, Secretary.

Soil drainage was then ably discussed by Mr. McClain. The institute then adjourned until Saturday morning when devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. J. Powers. Mr. J. L. Campbell occupied the first period. His subject was, "Poultry feeding and care of chicks." He said, "That only healthy chicks should be kept and fed. Use fine meat scraps and wheat-bran after four days old, also crushed potatoes and green grass."

The next period was occupied by L. O. Van Noy who discussed "Soil fertility."

Saturday P. M., the first period was occupied by J. Stewart Groupe. His Subject, "How we increase the corn yield." He said, "Cross seed should be fertilized and fully matured seed should be selected."

Poultry feeding for egg production was then discussed by J. L. Campbell. He suggested that oyster shells, all lime, corn on cob, wheat, meat scraps bone, oats and green feed should be fed. Beets should be fed in winter and the perch should be kept separate.

Making butter on the farm was then discussed by L. O. Van Noy.

Saturday evening session was opened by the audience singing "Church in the Wild Wood," J. S. Groupe then described some of the advantages of the farm over the city life. The next period was occupied by Miss Margaret Kirk who gave an excellent selection on reading. L. O. Van Noy gave an address on "Things Worth While." By request a reading selection was rendered by L. O. Van Noy.

A resolution was then adopted to continue the present institute work at each session of the institute. The attendance was the best in the county.