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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

CATHARINE FERRENBURG.
Catharine Ferrenburg died April 16, 1917 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Zorn, Knobsburg, Ohio, aged about 70 years. Surviving her are three daughters—Mrs. Mildred of California, Miss Olive and Mrs. Sara, wife of W. S. Zorn, Knobsburg, Ohio. Another daughter was killed in a railroad accident a few years ago.

Ferrenburg's maiden name was Hamil and she was a daughter of Veteran Thomas Hamil, of McConnellsburg. The Hamil family were originally from Franklin county, having removed to Fulton county very many years ago. After her marriage to Edward Ferrenburg they operated the mill now known as the Maun mill in Ayr township. They then went to Ohio where Mr. Ferrenburg died many years ago.

MRS. ELI HANN.

Mrs. Sarah E. Hann, wife of Eli Hann, of Belfast township, died April 26, 1917, aged 59 years. Funeral was held last Sunday, and interment was made at Siding Hill Christian church. Services were conducted by Rev. T. P. Garland assisted by Rev. J. C. Garland. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Philip, James, George, Harrison, Edward, David, and Thomas; Eliza Jane, wife of Harry Richards; Margaret, wife of Oscar Truax. Also by the following brothers and sisters: Philip Strait, James Strait, Geo. Strait, and David Strait. Mrs. Harry Forner, Mrs. James Sipes, Mrs. Hann was a loving mother, a good neighbor and will be missed by her many friends.

Dr. Sappington Enlists.

Hancock News of last week contained the following bit about a popular young man who recently removed to Webster Mills to Hancock: W. F. Sappington, who after war was declared, rendered his services in the Medical Corps, went to France last Friday where he underwent the best physical examination among ten applicants, who were examined at that time and are now awaiting his commission.

Sometime past the doctor was instructing a class of ladies on "first aid to the injured," who, together with his number of friends in this county, will be able to learn of and admire his enterprise, and in the event of his departure would render him a compliment. He will be well attended with such as his popularity and patriotism.

Pocket Piece.

Our good neighbor Albert Stoner has a silver dollar that he prizes highly. It is of the date of 1800 and is in a state of preservation. It is in the counter while he is at the Boardwalk and the Stouteagle Brothers; and because of the date of the coin and the fact that it represented the year of his mother's birth, he has carried it as a pocket piece. He had several tempting offers for the coin.

Off On Nice Trip.

W. Nace left a few days ago for Rochelle, N. Y., to see his sister, Mrs. Carl DeWitt. From there she will visit her mother, Mrs. Scott. She will be away about two weeks. Miss Nell Chambersburg, has been at Nace's place as housekeeper while the latter is away.

An Act by Wible.

L. H. Wible, Esq., of McConnellsburg, Chief of the Bureau of Farm Statistics, at Harrisburg, framed a bill "Requiring the assessors for taxation purposes to collect certain agricultural information, and fixing the duties of the county commissioners in connection therewith."

The bill was introduced on April 2nd by our Senator Ensley. Briefly, the contents are as follows: In addition to their regular work, the assessors shall, every three years, report the number of acres harvested of the following farm products: Wheat, corn, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, tobacco, and the number of acres of grass cut. The number of pounds, bushels, and tons of the various products shall be reported.

The number and class of all domestic animals and poultry shall be reported. Also the number of dozens of eggs and the number of pounds of butter, and the number of bushels of the principal fruits. Each farm shall be reported separately. There is a fair prospect of the bill being passed.

There is no question in the minds of thinking men that our agricultural department is a great benefit. In many outlying districts its work is only beginning to be appreciated. Practically all that we know of intensive farming was learned through that channel. Since the creation of Mr. Wible's office, a vast and very valuable collection of information has been collected, and the demand for it is increasing with leaps and bounds. More than seven hundred township correspondents are now reporting to Mr. Wible.

Good Missionary Meeting.

Last Friday the missionary workers of the Mercersburg Classis of the Reformed Church met in the Reformed church in McConnellsburg and held several sessions, the time being devoted to interesting phases of their work.

Miss Gertrude Cogan, the field secretary of the Woman's Missionary society of the General Synod of the Reformed Church gave a very interesting review of her work among the Jews in Brooklyn, N. Y. The reports of the delegates and superintendents indicate a marked increase of interest in the woman's missionary work of Mercersburg Classis.

In the evening Rev. Dr. Foust, who spent seventeen years as missionary in Japan, and is now home on a furlough, gave a very interesting address on the difficulties and progress of missionary work in that country.

It is the accumulated efforts of thousands of small groups of such workers that make this old world better. They have done more to civilize nations than all political legislation combined.

First Electric Sign.

The Linn garage, located next to the City Hotel, has an electric light sign in front of the store room. In principle the sign is the same as those that require lamps placed inside of them, but in this instance real electric lights from the Delco generator at the garage will illuminate the lettering. When Mr. Linn was operating the garage at the west end of town, he furnished electric light for the Western Union telegraph office.

Henley--Bratton.

Alex Henley, of Kistler, Pa., and Georgia Emma Bratton, of Mt Union were married April 26th, at the Court House in McConnellsburg, by Clerk of Courts B. Frank Henry. Both are genuine southern negroes, natives of "Ole Virginny."

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BUILDING BUMPED.

Derailed Section of Train Ran into Newt Palmer's Big Feed Store at Portage.

Portage, April 18.—Five loaded coal cars of the steel hopper type jumped the tracks on Martin's Branch of the P. R. R. here yesterday afternoon and crashed into the big flour and feed store of B. N. Palmer, moving the building 18 inches. Mr. Palmer was inside the store at the time.

"I thought that the big United States Battleship Pennsylvania had hurled a broadside," said Mr. Palmer, "and I did not stay in the building very long after the crash."

The coal train was coming down the Martin's Branch grade with the locomotive at the rear. The train was under control, although traveling rather fast. At the Waldorf Hotel, the first five cars left the rails, running along on the ties for a distance of about a square and piling up against the Palmer store.

The first car struck the building diagonally, ripping out a space of 20 feet long. The car penetrated the building to a depth of about six feet. Coal and flour were "scrambled."

The Palmer building was constructed only last summer, accounting for the fact that it stood up so well as it did under the onslaught of the coal train. The building is 26 feet high and 74 feet long and heavily loaded with grain and flour.

An empty box car standing at the door of the feed store was thrown to the other end of the building.

The wreck was a "fortunate" one. Had the derailed cars struck the Waldorf Hotel, where they jumped the tracks, lives probably would have been lost. The first floor of the Waldorf Hotel contains a barbershop, paintshop and the office of Dr. Buzzard. They would have offered little resistance and the cars would have ploughed through them all. The first five cars broke loose from the remainder of the train, or the wreck would have been more serious. Repairs to the Palmer building will cost several hundred dollars.

Will Do His "Bit."

Mac Morton came home from State College last Friday to work for his brother Earl on the Trout farm a short distance west of town. Owing to the shortage of farm help the students at State College were told that they could go home and at the same time receive credit for the studies that they would have pursued by remaining at College until regular vacation time near the latter part of June. However students leaving before vacation time were required to secure positions on farms where they could engage in the actual production of food stuffs. Otherwise they would receive no credit on their studies.

Mac is a Sophomore. The Seniors who agreed to do farm work during the busy planting time will receive their diplomas latter part of June. Many hundreds of students accepted the proposition to leave their studies to engage in assisting Uncle Sam to produce a large supply of food to insure plenty during the war with Germany. Students will be paid by the man for whom they work.

Five Thoroughbred Stock.

James H. Kendall and his neighbor Conrad Glazier have just received from Ohio a thoroughbred stallion colt that is a beauty. The colt is nineteen months old and weighs 1500 pounds. Mr. Kendall has two thoroughbred percheron fillies. While it is doubtful whether there is another community in the State where farmers have been more intelligently interested in improved strains of live stock than in the Cove, yet, nothing short of perfection will satisfy the more enterprising of farmers and stock raisers.

Is God Your Friend? Then Visit His Home. Go to Church.



WATCH the long line of people entering church on Sunday. Isn't it a fact that they are really the worth while people in the community? If you are a business man, don't you prefer dealing with a man who is a CONSISTENT CHURCHGOER rather than with a man who never goes to church? You wouldn't hesitate to INVITE ANY AND ALL OF THESE PEOPLE entering church to your home.

A MAN WHO GOES TO CHURCH CANNOT GO WRONG VERY LONG. A COMMON EXPRESSION IS THAT SOME PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES. THAT MAY BE TRUE. BUT THE FACT THAT A MAN WANTS THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE LIVES TO THINK THAT HE IS GOOD AND GOD FEARING SHOWS THAT HE WANTS TO BE GOOD. HE WANTS TO ENJOY THE RESPECT OF HIS FELLOWS. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH, IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO STATE THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CHURCHGOERS ARE HONEST, UPRIGHT CITIZENS.

There is something basically wrong with a man who, while professing a belief in a Supreme Being, fails to take the opportunity the church affords to WORSHIP THAT SUPREME BEING. If you have a dear friend and you pass his house every day without dropping in to see him, you would not blame that man for DOUBTING THE SINCERITY of your friendship.

Do you wish God to DOUBT YOUR FRIENDSHIP? Do you want to LOSE HIM AS A FRIEND. If you don't, drop into his house AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

Show that you are sincere in your belief in God by GOING TO CHURCH next Sunday.

THEN GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY.

Fulton County Soldiers.

Since its early settlement, Fulton county has furnished its full share of soldiers for the defense of the country. Although only about a half dozen have enlisted in the present war with Germany, it is, very probably, a larger number than the average for each 10,000 inhabitants—that being the population of our county. We believe we are nearing fact when we state that, during past wars, the most and best soldiers came from the mountainous districts of the country. Over in Cumberland county, no township is as proud of its record for numbers and efficiency of its soldiery as the northern half of Mifflin township which includes the rugged and famous Doubling Gap mountain district.

Practically every boy in Fulton county is an expert with the rifle and can ride and care for horses. This is of great advantage when enlisting. It gives him the laugh on his "green" city cousin.

It is not the desire of the government to attract efficient farm labor to the ranks of the army or navy. Legislators are now viewing with dread the effects of their former efforts to build up manufacturing centers at the expense of the strictly rural communities. But Fulton county is not a food-producing district in the same sense that the broad limestone acres of the Cumberland Valley, Lancaster, Berks, and other south-eastern counties are held. Therefore, we believe there are more young men of the county who should respond to the call of their country in its present need, and not wait to be drafted.

A frank volunteer stands much higher in the estimate of his neighbors than one who was forced to enlist. Both will share in the bountiful pensions of Uncle Sam, but how much higher will the volunteer be able to hold his head when the war is over?

Some one has said that the mothers of this country have always been the best recruiting officers. Our hint to these dear mothers would be that they encourage enlistment before the drafts goes into effect—which will be soon—and thereby dignify the future lives of the boys by having their names go down in history as volunteers—not conscripts—for it is practically certain that they will be drafted if they do not volunteer. They have no time to lose.

Good illustrations of "Faith and Work" were seen in the Cove yesterday when men planted corn with their overcoats on.

Buying the New Bonds.

The United States government is about to begin the biggest financial undertaking of the world's financial history—that is, to raise in a hurry the sum of 7,000,000,000 on its own bonds. The unanimity which the loan bill passed Congress demonstrates that it will encounter no open opposition. But there is always the selfishness and lethargy of individuals to be reckoned with.

Some people will say that the government must expect to pay as much interest as the private investor and that they will not accept a beggarly 3 1/2 per cent., when they can get good 5 per cent. bonds or stocks that are still more profitable.

Yet these people may later on wish that they had taken hold to help. It is the testimony of the nations with which we have allied ourselves, that one of their first needs is to float their loans at a moderate rate of interest. Their previous bonds have been selling somewhere near a six per cent. basis. Russian government, in its present uncertain condition, would in all probability not be able to sell its bonds at so favorable a rate as six per cent.

That piles up a crushing burden of interest for the people of these countries to pay. It strengthens the appeal of all the plotters and the pacifist elements that are working to get Russia and other countries to conclude a separate peace. If the alliance should break up it would leave Uncle Sam hold the bag.

Our best policy is to sacrifice a little interest money and help these nations at the earliest possible moment by lending them money at a decent rate. It may save us some terrible war costs later on. Every dollar spent in supplying munitions to a Russian soldier, may save us spending five dollars to defend our own coasts and to send an army to the French trenches.

Mr. Brant Getting Well.

W. Scott Brant, near Dane, has so far recovered from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered last fall, that he can ride to town. He and Mrs. Brant were in town last Saturday. One week prior to that time he came to town in his physician's auto. Many friends were glad to welcome him back to health. Will they have turkeys? Sure! Mrs. Brant has over one hundred eggs in course of hatching, with more to follow and the hens still laying.

County Report on Sheep.

L. H. Wible, Esq., of McConnellsburg, Chief of the Bureau of Farm Statistics, at Harrisburg, handed us the following report for Fulton county. Information concerning sheep is of particular interest at this time owing to the revival of the wool and mutton industry in all parts of the United States. The report includes the dog tax for the year 1916.

Number of sheep killed by dogs during the year 1916,	21
Number of sheep injured by dogs during the year 1916,	14
Average price paid for sheep killed by dogs during the year 1916,	\$6.38
Average price paid for sheep injured by dogs during the year 1916,	\$3.53
Amount paid for sheep killed and injured by dogs, for the year 1916, including costs,	\$234.60
Number of dogs (male and female) assessed for the year 1916,	1509
Amount of tax levied for each male dog for the year 1916,	\$0.50
Amount of tax levied for each female dog for the year 1916	\$1
Amount of dog tax collected for the year 1916,	\$563.50
Number of dogs killed by direction of the County Commissioners and Tax Collectors,	39
Amount expended for the publication of the assessors' list of dogs in the county papers for the year 1916,	\$127.75
Amount expended for the killing of dogs by Constables and Borough Policemen,	\$39.00
Amount expended by the county for dog tags,	\$39.00

Plant What Will Keep.

Fulton county has not yet felt the pinch of war, but we will feel it before peace is declared. With a few exceptions, Fulton county families raise their own potatoes, cabbage, and much other common garden vegetable that are either stored in their natural state, or preserved in some manner, chiefly by canning. However, there is always an increased demand for food stuffs in war times, and we are willing to venture the prediction that all products that may be sold and shipped in their natural, raw state will command high prices next winter. Among these products are potatoes—and Fulton county produces good ones. Another is cabbage. Beans do fairly well, although we are a little too far south to avoid the weevil that attacks some kinds. New York is the bean state. Onions will be in demand, and right here we stop to say that a patch of onions can be grown by almost any youngster, and an eighth of an acre of onions will bring in as much cash returns as several acres of corn, oats, or wheat on the same quality of soil. Avoid as far as possible all products that must be sold and used shortly after being picked if they interfere with staples. No danger of an over production of staples that may be kept through the winter in a raw state. Enough onion sets may not be had, but some kinds of onions grow to large size directly from seed when sown in rows and seeds placed several inches apart.

Drove to Pittsburgh.

Last Thursday, two men in a big auto stopped in front of merchant J. K. Johnston's store and one of them asked the privilege of resting on a couch for a short time. Just before leaving Chambersburg, he had fallen on a stairway and by the time he reached McConnellsburg he was feeling very "sore." He persuaded Harry Johnston to drive the car to Pittsburgh and while in that city Harry was his guest. Last Monday Harry was properly "tagged and shipped" back to McConnellsburg, after having had a nice time in the Smoky City.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Chas. D. Hixson spent the week-end with his family, on East Lincoln Way.

Miss Etta Snyder, of Knobsville, was shopping in McConnellsburg last Saturday.

Miss Elsie Wagner, of Knobsville spent last Saturday with Mrs. Henry A. Comer.

Mrs. J. C. McQuade spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. David H. Fore near Knobsville.

Mrs. Allison Sipes and daughter Miss Ethel and Miss Lillian Laidig were pleasant callers at the News office Tuesday.

Judge and Mrs. W. B. Stigers, of Warfordsburg were transacting business and calling on friends in town last Friday.

Postmaster and Mrs. W. R. Speer, of Everett were guests of Postmaster and Mrs. B. C. Lamberson, in McConnellsburg.

Miss Nella Bair returned to her home on Green Hill last Friday after having visited relatives in Carlisle during the past four weeks.

Miss Laura Mort, a feeble minded resident of Bethel township, was taken to the institution for that class at Polk, Pa., a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hays, Miss Nellie Hays and Mrs. Geo. A. Harris motored to Hancock last Sunday to call on Mr. Hays' sister Mrs. W. D. Myers, who with her family, expect to remove to Colorado in the near future.

Earl Keebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. John Keebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keebaugh and children Leslie and Harper nutced from Hustontown to Fort Loudon last Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Keebaugh's daughter Mrs. John Spidle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lodge and children Martha and Robert accompanied by Mrs. Lodge's uncle Christ Hoover, drove over from their home in Saxton last Saturday afternoon in their Cadillac and spent the time until Sunday afternoon in the home of Albert Stoner. Mark took Mr. Hoover to his home at Burnt Cabins Saturday evening.

For Oats Smut.

If oats smut is troubling any of our readers, it may not be too late to call attention to the cure for it. For twenty to twenty-five bushels of seed oats, buy at drug store half a pint of formaldehyde—it will not cost over twenty-five cents. Mix it with fifteen gallons of water. Spread the oats on a floor and sprinkle with the mixture until all the oats are wet by turning over several times with a shovel. Heap the seed on a pile and cover for several hours with bags or blankets, being sure that the bags are free of smut. Spread the seed again and thoroughly dry it to prevent sprouting. Sow where ground is known to be free of smut. A pint of formaldehyde to thirty gallons of water is right proportion to mix for oats.

For Potato Scab.

If common potato scab is troublesome, mix a quarter pint of formaldehyde with ten gallons of water and let seed potatoes soak in the solution for two hours. Care should then be taken to prevent the seed from coming in contact with infected bags or vessels of any kind before planting and the seed should be planted in ground known to be free of scab disease. The cost will be but a few cents. From the foregoing it will be seen that a pint of the disinfectant will make forty gallons of the mixture.

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