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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ANNIE E. SHEETS.

Miss Annie E. Sheets died at the home of her aunt, Miss Kate A. Sheets, in Lancaster, Wednesday, May 9, 1917, aged 27 years and 11 days. Funeral was held last Friday at the home of her sister Mrs. Harvey Karper, near Mercersburg. Miss Sheets was the youngest daughter of ex-Sheriff Daniel Sheets of Fulton county, but now living in Chambersburg. She has been living near Mercersburg, and about ten days before her death she went to visit her aunt in Lancaster. On the way to the aunt's home, she stopped at a restaurant in that city and ate some oysters, and it was to these that the physician traced ptomaine poisoning which resulted in her death. Nothing was known of her illness at Mercersburg until news of her death came and it was a great shock to her friends. Surviving her are her father, in Chambersburg and two sisters and a brother, namely, Mildred, wife of Charles Glazier, near Mercersburg; Nellie, wife of Harvey Karper, on the old Sheets place near Mercersburg; and Alvin who makes his home with his sisters.

HENRY ANDERSON.

Veteran Henry Anderson died at his home near Knobsville, May 11, 1917, aged 81 years, 10 months and 18 days. Funeral was held last Monday and interment was made at the Knobsville M. E. cemetery. Rev. W. M. Cline, of Fort Littleton, officiated. He was survived by his wife and seven children; Malinda, wife of Peter Schlemmer, Maquan, Ill.; Clara, wife of Daniel Crouse, of Waynesboro; Levina, wife of Albert Davis, of Franklin county; Lottie, wife of Charles Tice, of Shade Gap; Bert, in the West; William, of Through Creek, and Charlie, of Maryland. The deceased was a farmer. He was highly respected and a good citizen. In the draft of '64, he was sent into service on November 14th and served with Company C, 82nd Reg. Penna. Infantry and was mustered out with company July 13, 1865.

ANDREW L. LAMBERSON.

Andrew L. Lamberson, died at home in Ayr township, May 12, 1917, aged 69 years 2 months and 10 days. Mr. Lamberson had not been well for many months, suffering from several ailments. For many years he was prominent in farming circles and was an intelligent, highly respected citizen and neighbor. He was survived by his wife and five children, William, at home near Mercersburg, and four others, near Akrersville and Mercersburg. Funeral was held last Monday, and interment was made in the Tonoloway Baptist cemetery. Rev. J. L. Yeargan, of McConnellsburg, conducted the services.

REV. R. F. MCCLAIN.

Rev. Robert Finley McClain died at his home in Mechanicsburg, May 12, 1917, as the result of a stroke of paralysis about a week ago. He was born in Gettysburg March 13, 1848. He graduated at Gettysburg College in 1868 and from Theological Seminary at Mercersburg and after his ordination became pastor of the Presbyterian church at Waynesboro and was pastor of the McConnellsburg church. He did not resign his charge at the time of his illness. Three children by his first wife survive him, and his wife who was Elizabeth is living. Interment was made yesterday at New Bedford.

MRS. SARAH PECK.

Mrs. Sarah Peck died at the home of her son James, in Chambersburg, Monday of last week.

Notice of S. S. Convention.

Last week's issue of the NEWS contained the program for the Sunday school convention to be held at Needmore, May 24 and 25, 1917. A good program is before our people and it is earnestly hoped that a full attendance will greet our state and local workers. The importance of the S. S. work cannot be over estimated. When war rumors and alarms are so numerous, ought not Christian people to work with their Great Leader towards peace with victory? To neglect organization is to invite disaster. A noble army of young people is growing up in Fulton county. Shall they not have the best possible training for Christian service? Apparently, our failure of the past has been in not sending earnest young people to our County Conventions. Every S. S. superintendent in the County is urged to send delegates, together with the yearly contributions. The benefits are for those who contributed, as no salaries are paid. Some of the schools have, up to this time, failed to send in their yearly statistical report. The secretaries will please attend to this important matter at once. Let all our schools make the Convention a subject of earnest prayer.

W. C. PATTERSON,
Field Secretary.

War Notice.

Fulton County's Public Safety Committee, appointed by Governor Brumbaugh, met and organized Tuesday evening. The Committee is composed of B. C. Lamberson, L. W. Seylar, M. H. Hollinshead, F. C. Bare, B. F. Henry, W. L. Nace, W. R. Sloan, John R. Jackson, H. M. Johnston, L. L. Cunningham, Jefferson C. Mellott, H. H. Berkstresser, Dr. J. W. Mosser, T. F. Sloan, H. E. Chesnut, Wm. Hull, W. H. Wible, D. E. Cromer, G. A. Comer, Peter Morton, E. N. Akers, Geo. W. Reisner, D. M. Morton, A. W. Grissinger, H. A. Duffy, W. R. Greathard, Harvey Bender, Rev. Edward Jackson, M. W. Nace, D. F. Trout, and perhaps others. A most important public meeting will be held in the Auditorium Monday evening, May 21, at 7:30 o'clock at which time war questions of vital importance to Fulton county will be presented.

Good Roads Did It.

Speaking of the Lincoln Highway, Pittsburgh wholesalers are delivering merchandise to retailers along the route as far east as Bedford and Fulton counties. Trucks from Pittsburgh are getting butter and eggs from farmers and dealers for 100 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Delivery of merchandise along the line as well as long distance express service will make the Lincoln Highway a business artery as well as a popular pleasure and travel route.—Bedford (Pa.) Gazette.

She was keeping house alone that day and was found dead on the floor by her daughter, Mrs. Grant Shaffer, of Rays Cove.

William Ruby, of Fort Littleton is a brother. Mrs. Jane Ritchie, Burnt Cabins; Mrs. Hosanna Brown, of Fort Littleton, and Caroline Ruby, of Maddensville, are sisters of the deceased. Eight children are living.

WILLIAM STUCKEY.

William Stuckey, of Bedford county, died last Monday. He was an uncle to Mrs. Sadie Fisher of McConnellsburg and for nearly two months she had been nursing him at his home. Funeral at today at Everett.

MRS. CONRAD LAMP.

Word of the death of Mrs. Conrad Lamp, nee Bertha Bermond, on May 2nd, at Lanark, Ill., was received too late for this issue. Particulars next week.

Long Pastorate Ended.

Sabbath, May 13, 1917, marked an epoch in the history of the two United Presbyterian churches of Big Cove, Fulton County, Pa. On that day, both congregations met in the First church in McConnellsburg and listened to the last pastoral sermon of Rev. J. L. Grove. After the sermon all joined in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

As has been announced in these columns, Mr. Grove asked to be relieved of the pastoral cares of the two churches on account of his health which was rapidly making it impossible for him to meet all the responsibilities of his charges. To this his people sorrowfully agreed, and at a recent meeting of Presbytery, Mr. Grove's application was confirmed and he was authorized to declare the two Cove pulpits vacant.

On December 16, 1884, Rev. Grove drove through a big snow storm to McConnellsburg from the scene of his former pastorate at Worthington, Pa., at which place he served his first pastoral charge for a period of twelve years. For several months he boarded in McConnellsburg and in the spring of 1885 he bought his present home and brought his family to town and occupied his own house where he has lived ever since.

In the spring of 1912 Rev. S. B. Houston resigned as pastor of the Associate Presbyterian church a few miles south of McConnellsburg and Mr. Grove was called to preach for them quite frequently until September of that year when that congregation made application to be received into the United Presbyterian Church and by agreement Mr. Grove became pastor of both congregations. It will be seen that the First Church in McConnellsburg enjoyed the continued service of their pastor for a period of almost thirty-three years—a long time for a man to preach to the same people. The loving ties of friendship will not be severed, however, for Mr. Grove and his faithful wife will continue their residence here and after he takes a much needed rest, he expects to minister to the spiritual needs of his people whenever they may call upon him. Twice during his pastorate here he received calls to go elsewhere, both of which he declined.

To those whose memories recall the stirring times of more than fifty years ago, the reunion of the two congregations last Sabbath was pleasing indeed.

Tree Talk.

A single issue of a New York Sunday paper is said to consume the timber from fifteen acres of forest. If Pennsylvania's State Forests were fully stocked, they could furnish enough pulpwood to keep forty Sunday papers going indefinitely.

Forest fires in the United States have caused an average annual loss of seventy human lives and twenty-five to fifty million dollars worth of timber. The indirect losses run close to half a billion a year.

If the 25,000,000 trees planted on the Pennsylvania State Forests were set four feet apart, as they actually are in the woods, and planted in a straight line, they would cover almost 19,000 miles. Planted twenty feet apart they would provide shade trees on both sides of 40,000 miles of highway.

Ayar. —Cromwell.

The marriage of Arthur D. Ayars, of Bridgeton, N. J., and Miss Mary J. Cromwell, of Wildwood, N. J., took place on April 21, 1917. After spending their honeymoon in New York, Mr. and Mrs. Ayars have returned to Wildwood and will open the Cromwell for the season.

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS OUTLOOK.

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

We are fast approaching the warm months of the year that favor Infantile Paralysis.

Last year the public lost its nerve. This season it is hoped that the epidemic will not reappear. From the history of the disease it would not be surprising if we had comparatively little this year, yet no man can predict what nature may do.

The health authorities are alert and busy doing all those things they believe can in any way lessen the chances of having another epidemic. To contract the disease it may require direct contact with the sick. This, however, is far from being a settled question.

The well must be kept from the sick, however, in human life. While the disease is lurking about, no well child should be exposed to one showing the least illness.

The sick should be quarantined, the State Health Department has always held, for two weeks. The discharges from the bowels, throat or nose should be disinfected. The nurse or the one in care of the sick should wear a gown and the face and hands should be washed or disinfected before mingling with those outside the sick room.

If the conditions of a home are bad and the child cannot be isolated or kept alone, the hospital is the best place for it. This should be done very early in the sickness as quiet and rest are essential to recovery. A doctor experienced in treating the disease and a nurse with like experience in treating the disease add much to the chances of recovery.

Traveling with children and congregating them in groups should be discouraged.

Dr. B. W. Truax Hurt.

The Burr Oak, Kansas, Herald of May 3 contained the following account of an accident to Dr. B. W. Truax, of this place. The Doctor is a brother-in-law of ex-County Treasurer, Samuel A. Hess, of this county.

Dr. B. W. Truax the veterinarian, and Clare Shupp, his driver, had a serious auto accident Monday, several miles west of town. Loose dirt at the side of a high fill caused the machine to upset into the ditch below, turning over completely once, and halfway over the second time. Clare was caught under the wheel, with the weight on his chest and suffered a bad cut on his head. He has since been in rather serious conditions, but with hopes for his recovery. The doctor was temporarily stunned and considerably bruised but not severely injured.

The Spelling Bee.

Last Friday evening, as previously announced, a spelling bee was held in the auditorium. Forty-six took part—twenty-three on each side. Mrs. C. B. Stevens and Miss Mollie Seylar were the captains of the respective sides. In order to "limber up" the contestants, each speller was given four words by spelling around the two sides four times and no one was "spelled down" no matter if he missed all four words. On the fifth round, the sides "went down" like Germans before the French and English guns. On the sixth round, every remaining mother's son or daughter failed to spell the word "desiccate," and that wound up the bee so far as further attempts to spell were concerned.

Mrs. Sarah E. Souders is away on a trip visiting friends in Mercersburg, Harrisburg and Hagers-town, she will visit her daughter Mrs. Chas. McCurdy.

Live Topics.

Last week, James A. Stewart, of Licking Creek township, wrote an article for the NEWS calling attention to the demand from Europe for fruit in dried form, so as to avoid all leakage and breakage in the difficult route to the trenches. For the benefit of any who have forgotten, we will again describe the commercial fruit driers used by the thousands up in New York state where most of our finest dried fruits come from. It is as follows:

A pit not over eight feet square is dug in the ground exactly as a cellar for a house. The little house that is built over it is not weatherboarded, but the four sides are closed with shallow drawers with bottoms made of fine wire screen. A stove is placed in the pit with pipe running out at the ground and up outside of the building. The shallow drawers are filled with prepared fruit and the heat turned on—not enough to cook the fruit, but just enough to dry it quickly. The attendant must change the upper drawers to the lower and the lower to the upper part in order that all be treated alike. For this reason all drawers must be same size. This method makes perfection products that bring top-notch prices because they are not discolored or in any degree affected by dust, light or insects. The drier must have ventilation at the top or eaves.

Do you know that forty-five of the counties of Pennsylvania have farm bureaus and county agents? These trained men are, with few exceptions, binding the farmers together so that they are a big powerful business firm able to cope with competition. The State pays about two-thirds of the cost, the county paying the balance. County Commissioners are by law enabled to appropriate the county's share. It is thought that by 1919 (two years in the future) all but one or two counties will be organized. Wonder what two counties they will be?

About a month ago, two or three bankers in Lewistown met and agreed to meet the county's cost of a County Agent if the County Commissioners couldn't "see it." Result was a demand by the taxpayers that an agent be secured and that ended the matter—they got their agent.

Our Apples in Favor.

Apples from the southern counties of Pennsylvania are rapidly gaining in favor over western products. This, of course, includes Fulton county apples, than which, no finer can be grown in the State. It was to guard this section that a bill was recently passed to regulate the packing of apples in Pennsylvania. We never saw finer samples of apples than were shown in this office last fall—big, rosy, fine flavored and sound as a dollar. If dried as described by James Stewart last week, and again by the NEWS this week, big money ought to be made by Fulton county people this fall and winter.

Let The Hens "Set."

Set all the hens you can, to "come out" during July and August and let them go to forage for themselves unless you have plenty of time and feed. If each hen raise but one chick to maturity, it will have paid for the setting of eggs. But she will do better than that, and the money they will bring next fall will surprise you, for meat will be high in price. These late hatchings should be in addition to all you can handle in the usual way. It will pay well.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Hill and family of Needmore, R. R. 2, motored to Greencastle last Sunday and took dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller. Mr. Miller has been quite ill for two weeks.

WEST DUBLIN.

David Hershey took his double propelling, self acting, reversible team for their initial trip over the mail route on Monday. Davy says they went on "high" all forenoon.

Our friend Harris Wagner is in poor health.

Oliver Ritchey made a trip to Ayr township last week for corn. John Mumma, representative of the Harrisonville Lodge I. O. O. F., and John Martz representative from Fort Littleton Lodge attended the Grand Lodge at York Monday.

Last Sunday, Dallas Brant and family, Mrs. Jennie Brant and son Erb visited Hiram Bumgardner in Wells Valley. Mr. Baumgardner is in poor health.

BETZ HILL.

Arthur McCabe, wife and two children, accompanied by R. M. Finniff, wife and daughter Harriet—all of Pittsburgh—with Mr. McCabe at the wheel motored to the home of Geo. Fix last Sunday and returned home Monday.

Nathan Deshong is in poor health.

Miss Pearle Cutchall recently spent a few days with her grandparents, Nathan Deshong and wife.

Cans and jars for preserving fruit will be scarce this year. We feel that we can do a little "bit" for the cause by persistently recommending drying process this summer. Happy will be she who, next fall, has lots of dried corn, apples, peaches, and berries to sell. And happier still will be the poor creatures in the trenches whose feverish hardships are somewhat allayed by a handful of these necessities. They cannot be sent to the battle fields in canned form—too heavy, bulky and liable to destruction.

Even the whales in the North Sea have turned against the Kaiser and are cheerfully giving their lives by the score in the interest of the Allies. The monsters have been bumping into the mines planted there by the Germans, exploding them and thereby rendering them harmless to the enemies of the German rulers. Here is an idea—why not train a school of whales to "whale-it-to" the German submarines?

Many women in Fulton county are at this moment wondering how they can do their "bit" as called for by the President. Every one of them can prepare a few extra pounds of dried fruit—not to give away, but to sell to be sent to the trenches to relieve the suffering of the poor fellows who are, many of them, giving their young lives to save the liberties of our homes.

Do you remember what the little lady said at the entertainment last winter? "Sooner or later a bug will get you." That Civic Club bug is showing wonderful signs of activity toward dirty alleys and lots. When a woman will she will—that's all's to it.

Complaint has been made that old tin cans and other rubbish has been dumped on other people's vacant lots, thereby giving the impression to the public that the owners are slovenly. It is said that photographs of dirty alleys and lots in town may be taken and published in the papers by the Civic Club.

Comparatively few white carnations were in evidence last Sunday, which was Mother's day. The supply in Chambersburg was exhausted by orders placed many weeks ago.

Postmaster Blair, of Shippensburg, has asked the State for 200 rifles to be used in drilling young men of that town and vicinity.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Mrs. H. U. Nace entertained at six o'clock dinner Saturday of last week.

Geo. C. Sipes and family, of Dickey's Mountain, shopped in town last Saturday.

Miss Elsie Fite, of Needmore, was shopping and calling on friends in town last Saturday.

Miss Dora Shaal, of Chambersburg, was a recent guest for several days of Mrs. Ross Doyle.

Lewis Largent, employed in the rifle factory at Eddystone, came home last week for a short vacation.

Rev. Sprigs, pastor of the A. M. E. church at Cito, is in Philadelphia this week attending Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Seylar and son Joe motored to Gettysburg last Sunday and returned Monday evening.

Mrs. Hester Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, visited her daughter, Mrs. Jefferson Harris, a few days ago.

Dr. Mosser and Grant Baker were in Chambersburg last Friday to see Mrs. Baker who is in the hospital.

Jordan Deshong and family, of Pleasant Ridge, helped swell the throng of shoppers in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Annie E. DeHart, of Mercersburg, spent several days this week with her sisters and her mother in this place.

William Ott and daughter Pearl spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of the former's son Daniel, near Mercersburg.

District Superintendent M. E. Swartz, of Harrisburg, preached in the Methodist church in McConnellsburg Tuesday evening.

Miss Nell Palmer, of Sipes Mill was a recent guest in the home of Hon. and Mrs. Peter Morton and other friends in town.

Miss Olive Lodge and Miss Esther Kendall, students at Shippensburg Normal, were weekend guests at their respective homes.

William P. Nelson, of Cumberland county, visited his parents, Hon. and Mrs. David A. Nelson, of Ayr township, several days recently.

Mrs. John A. Irwin, Miss Minnie Dickson and Miss Flora Rexroth were guests of Mrs. J. F. McFerren, in Chambersburg last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Brant, near Dane, were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Wible, of Chambersburg, last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. John Hann, of Saluvia, and daughter Mrs. White, of New York, were shopping in town Tuesday. Mrs. White is quite pleased with her visit to the historical "Packers Path," now the Lincoln Highway.

After all the efforts put forth to increase the food supply of this country by urging each man woman and child to produce even a little bit more than usual, wouldn't it be nice if we could tell each other what we did? A postal card to this office telling what you did will do the trick.

Dear friends, when you ask to have the address of your paper changed won't you please remember to tell where the paper has been going? We cannot possibly remember the address of more than 2,000 subscribers, and we often spend two hours hunting your name to make the change requested and even then we are seldom sure that we hit the right Smith or Jones. You are all registered by post offices and we have to turn to that office to find your name before we can transfer it to new address.