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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

REBECCA SMITH.

Miss Rebecca Smith died at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Line, at Fort Littleton, Friday, July 6, 1917, aged 81 years, 3 months, and 10 days. Funeral services were held last Sunday and interment was made at Fort Littleton. Rev. Edward Jackson conducted the funeral services.

The deceased was a daughter of Rev. Amos and Eliza McCain Amsey Smith, and she was born in Harford county, Md., March 1836. Her father, an old-time Methodist itinerant, early taught her the doctrines of that church and she remained a faithful member until called away by death. She never lacked for a word or deed and she was especially fond of little children. She retained her mental faculties until the end. Miss Smith was a sister of the late George A. Smith.

JOB HILL.

After an illness covering a period of more than two years of which amy developed, Job Hill passed away at his home in Dayton, O., on Wednesday, June 11, 1917.

The deceased was a son of Job Hill and was born in Belmont township, this county more than sixty years ago. Besides his wife, he is survived by one also, by two brothers—Jacob Helfast township, this county; and Mrs. Maria Miller, Greensburg, Pa.

Mr. Hill was a member of the O. F., and the Masonic fraternity, and was held in high esteem in the large circle of friends that he had formed in his adopted city.

THOMAS SNYDER.

Thomas Snyder died on July 4, 1917, of paralysis, aged about 50 years. He had been living in Greensburg, Md., and was interested in mining. On the day he died he remarked to an acquaintance that he believed he was going to have another stroke and started to a doctor's office only a few steps away. Before reaching the office he sank to the ground and expired almost instantly. On the following Friday the remains were brought to the St. Thomas church in Thompson township, and interred.

The deceased was a widower, and survived by two sisters, Asenath Mentzer, McConnellsburg and Mrs. Ella Shives, Greensburg, and by four brothers, Jesse, James, George and Nathan—all residing in Thompson township.

President Wilson.

President Wilson's calm and steady head is keeping him in good health despite the responsible duties that have been thrust upon him by Prussian outrages. He is up at 5 o'clock every morning and goes for a horseback ride. Mrs. Wilson, by 8:30 he has breakfast and is ready for the day. He keeps the mental faculties equalized by short games of billiards, and by attending a few serious play a few evenings a week. Unlike many other presidents, he seldom reads what the critics and fault finders say of him.

May Go to France.

Mrs. Peter Morton received a letter a few days ago from her son Newton telling her that he had gone to Wilkes-Barre to take the physical examination necessary to join an ambulance corps that will soon be sent to France. Newton was graduated from the State School of Forestry and for some time has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania department of topographical

"Off to the War."

John Woodcock, of Hustontown, Sergeant in Battery F, First Field Artillery of Penna., will go to Pittsburg to-morrow to join his fellow artillerymen in being mustered back into service of the United States after having been mustered out on their return some time ago from the Mexican border. The muster will take place on next Sunday. The Battery will then be sent to some point as yet unknown to the men to await further orders. Company C has also been ordered to mobilize at Chambersburg. John Bishop, of Big Cove Tannery, is a member and saw service on the Mexican border.

To many of our readers, the heading of this article will sound like a dream echo of the time when so many marched "off to the war" to save the Union in the 60's.

New Mail Route.

In addition to the mail routes mentioned in last week's NEWS is a through route between Everett and Hancock, and the contract was given to John C. Salkeld and son Lloyd.

Under their contract mail will leave Hancock every morning at 9 a. m., and reach Everett at 2:30. Mail will be dispatched from Everett at 10:00 a. m., and reaches Hancock at 3:30 p. m. The intermediate points served are Breezewood, Crystal Springs, Emmaville, Locust Grove, Siding Hill, Dott, Franklin, Mills and Warfordsburg.

The Salkelds have had many years' experience in carrying mail and passengers, and will no doubt render excellent service in their new field.

Boy Shot.

While camping and fishing along Aughwick Creek on July Fourth, Denver Park, aged fourteen years, son of Scott Park of Three Springs, was accidentally shot in the back by his cousin, Raymond Park, a son of Clay Park. Denver was fishing by a growth of bushes and not knowing that he was there, the other lad fired a .22 calibre rifle at some birds in the bushes. The bullet struck Denver in the spine, shattering two vertebrae and breaking two ribs. The injured boy was taken to the hospital in Huntington and an operation to remove part of the bullet was made. We learn that Denver died of his wounds, but we have no further particulars.

Wheat, Vines and Trees Killed.

D. A. Black, of Taylor township, recently received a letter from his brother-in-law, D. W. Baker, of Benedict, York county Neb., scolding him for not writing oftener, but evidently forgiving him too, for the letter was very long. Among the news items was the information that he would have absolutely no wheat to harvest because practically all the wheat in that county was winter-killed. His alfalfa was also killed. Grapevines and peach trees were frozen but since peaches are a very unreliable crop there at best, he said they will not be greatly missed.

National Guards Drafted.

In order to be prepared for any emergency, the President by proclamation drafted all of the National Guards into federal service on Monday, and after August 5th the entire guard will be on the same basis as the regular army.

Fell From Cherry Tree.

Last Friday, Van Vert Kelso, of Tod township, fell from a cherry tree a distance of about twenty-five feet and received severe injuries consisting of a broken shoulder blade, several broken ribs, and injury to one of his hips.

DR. SAPPINGTON'S LETTER.

Published by the Hancock News Last Week. Makes the War Seem More of a Reality.

France, June 12, 1917. 61st Field Ambulance, B. E. F. Dear Editor:—

As you will see by the above address, I am with the Royal Army Medical Corps, just back of the first line in France. As I am writing this, the guns are flashing and roaring about three miles from me. We are getting ready to give "Fritz" a little surprise later in the night. I came here from General Hospital No. 13, at Boulogne, where I have charge of a ward. This means that I had all the operating to do on every man who came in, with no other help than an orderly, and a doctor to administer the ether. We changed the patients about every other day, as we fixed them up, removed the shrapnel or bullets and sent them to a stationary hospital.

The surgery here is wonderful and I was rather sorry to give up that work, as it was very interesting, especially the gas gangrene cases.

We have here many captured balloons. I counted no less than 10 in the air at one time this afternoon, and aeroplanes are flying about all the time. I saw this morning a lot of our anti-aircraft guns open on a Taube and they put shell all around him but he sailed serenely off. We had one over us this morning and in shelling him our guns dropped a lot of small pieces of shrapnel on our tents.

The ruined and devastated small towns I saw coming up here were very numerous and the larger towns now have not a single house that would house a cat. Villages are only piles of brick (the houses here are all built of brick), and the country along the Ancre river is desolate not a tree or house to be seen. The ground along the river at many places is so covered with shell crates that the stream with its floating debris resembles a marsh, rather than a channel of water.

I and five other medical officers were the first United States soldiers to land in France. We were joined in Boulogne by 14 other medical officers. We also had the honor of being the first officers to be ordered to the front. I am working with Lieut. Paul H. Zinkhan, who served 16 months with the Russian army on its retreat from Galicia.

Yours sincerely,
W. F. SAPPINGTON.

In France.

Mrs. Lucina Forner of East-Lincoln Way received a letter last week from the War Department informing her that her son Peter C. Forner, of the U.S. Battleship Vermont, had landed safe in France and would soon be fighting "that the world may be made safe for democracy." The Department, also, sent Mrs. Forner a nice large card to put up in one of her front windows to inform all passers by that a man from her house was giving his service in defense of his country.

Returned Missionary Here.

Miss Jessie Brewer who spent fifteen years in the Lutheran mission fields in India, spoke in the McConnellsburg and Big Cove Tannery Lutheran churches last Sunday. She was listened to with great interest as she related first-hand experience in the foreign field. Miss Brewer is a native of Williamsport, Pa.

Hand Crushed.

Last Saturday, a son of Albert Wilson, near Andover, received severe injury to one of his hands by getting it caught between cogs at Wm. Mellott's mill. The flesh was torn nearly to the wrist but no bones were broken.

BUNCH OF FINE BOYS.

Scoutmaster Harry Johnston and His Troop Entertained Allegheny County Scouts Last Thursday Night.

On Monday morning of last week a squad of twenty-eight Boy Scouts in charge of Scoutmasters F. C. Copp and E. H. Keibler, members of the faculty of the Turtle Creek High School, left Turtle Creek, Pa., for a two weeks' outing over the Lincoln Highway. Mr. Wilfred Kenyon furnished an automobile to transport the camping outfit and to serve as an ambulance in case of sickness or accident. They spent their first night out at Greensburg, the second, at Stoyestown, the third at Bedford and the fourth, at McConnellsburg.

Unheralded, they reached McConnellsburg from Bedford about six o'clock, and distributed themselves among the restaurants for supper. As soon as our local Scouts learned of the presence of the visitors, they tended to them the hospitality for which McConnellsburg is famous, provided a camp site in the beautiful park at the Court House, and entertained them at breakfast at the City Hotel.

In the park a commodious tent was pitched, and "Camp Wildwood" as it was called, became center of attraction—not only of our twenty local scouts, but other citizens, both old and young took pleasure in going to see it.

At a proper hour, the bugle notified all that the next stop was "Dream Land" and soon all was quiet. Before the tired travelers spread their ponchos and blankets on the grass under the tent, they were invited by our troop of scouts to take breakfast next morning at the City Hotel. After breakfast Friday morning the scouts spent the time pleasantly sending souvenir postcards of "The nicest place at which we have camped since starting." At 11 o'clock, the squad was escorted to Tuscarora Heights and at noon dinner was eaten at an elevation of 2,240 feet above sea level.

Sunday was spent in Gettysburg where a special sermon was preached to the visitors in the First Presbyterian church and the boys were shown to the pew occupied by Abraham Lincoln at the time he delivered his immortal address at Gettysburg.

At Harrisburg, two sealed messages were delivered to Governor Brumbaugh—one from Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, the other from the president of the Allegheny Boy Scout Association.

Troop No. 2, of Turtle Creek, formed the nucleus of the squad and the balance were from adjacent cities. At Greensburg Monday night they were the guests of the local Scouts and carefully provided for. At Stoyestown they paid their way Tuesday night. Wednesday night they camped at Bedford and B. H. Joy, President of the Lincoln Highway Association treated them to supper at the Hoffman garage hotel.

The longest stop was made in McConnellsburg, and one of the scoutmasters told a NEWS reporter that our local troop had entered into greater details of a courteous entertainment than had been shown at any point up to that time. The return trip through this place is scheduled for today. During the trip to McConnellsburg but one boy had need of medical attention.

Why the Noise?

Notwithstanding the ordinance against noise nuisance, autoists and motorcycle riders are making a joke of the little borough of McConnellsburg every day. The only interpretation that can be put on the racket some of them make is that they wish to show contempt for the comfort of our people, knowing that they are perfectly safe from arrest. Why?

PREVENTION OF DISEASE

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

Before the cause of diseases where known or the practical application of Nature's ways of producing immunity to disease, we had to suffer an attack of sickness and then trust to drugs and nursing for cure.

This was a difficult task and the death rate was sometimes enormous, both in times of peace as well as of war.

Then the day of prevention came. Gradually the laws of Nature were unfolded until today we know methods of preventing diseases and antidoting the poisons generated by germs in the body.

It was even as late as the Spanish-American War that we lost more soldiers from preventable diseases than we did from bullets. This was a disgraceful thing, as sanitarians could have prevented the high death rate. From what we can learn through the newspapers and other sources France today is short of disinfectants in her trenches. We do not see any great public excitement over this condition, or any concerned action of our good citizens to give their mites to purchase and transport disinfectants for the French trenches so as to prevent disease.

Therapeutics or drug treatment seems to continue to have a hold on the lay mind, and possibly, to some extent, on the medical mind.

Both the people at home in every day life and the soldiers in our army are much to blame for the sickness that exists. The medical profession's advice is not taken when these persons are well but the moment they get good and sick they call "oh, doctor do relieve me from this awful pain" or "oh, doctor save my life."

Perhaps this call comes too late. A few words of prevention from the doctor to the patient and those few words obeyed might have prevented the sickness and saved suffering and sorrow.

Bas. J. Party.

Last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. F. McN. Johnston, entertained nearly one hundred friends at a barn party at their home a mile south of McConnellsburg. The two big floors were swept clean of all dust, lanterns were hung on many of the posts and comfortable seats provided. After the many autos began to arrive, several of them were headed towards the barn floors and the lights dimmed and in that way just the right brilliancy was provided.

The company was composed of guests from the age of three years to three score. Two phonographs furnished constant music. Some were there who missed the old-fashioned fiddlers, but so many of the younger folk present knew nothing of the ecstasy of an old-time "hoe-down" that the modern music served all purposes.

Many of the dances were funnier than a barrel of monkeys. The older ones knew little of the modern "trots" and "Grand Right and Left" was simply an impossibility to the younger set who could not get it out of their heads that a complete circle had not to be made with each hand-grasp.

An abundance of lemonade was on tap and later in the evening ice cream was served. Many spent a happy evening in the "renewal of youth," and the others reveled in the pleasures of youth unsoftened by stern realities that mark the passing of that care-free period of life.

Miss Jennie Cooper expects to go to Chicago latter part of this week to visit for an indefinite period.

Horse Bot Fly.

Untold suffering, reduced efficiency and many deaths of horses are caused by attacks of horse bot flies. Few people realize how many horses are affected by these pests, which attach themselves as larvae or maggots to the inner wall of the stomach, where they remain for the greater part of a year. The stomach walls are often so thickly studded with the maggots, as large as a lead pencil in diameter, that digestion is seriously impaired.

The adult is a large tawny fly, which lays yellow eggs on the horse's legs. These eggs are licked off by the horse, and quickly hatch, the tiny maggots attaching themselves finally to the stomach walls, and grow rapidly. Control is easy. At least once a day rub down the horse's legs with an oily cloth. Kerosene lightly applied is best, but too much may injure the hair.

Eggs are laid also on the horse's chin and are rubbed off in the trough and taken up with the feed. Kill then wherever found.

Suffrage Note.

It has been said that suffrage would unsex women. In reply, Alice Stone Blackwell said "The differences between men and women are natural; they are not the result of disfranchisement. The fact that all men have equal rights before the law does not wipe out natural difference of character and temperament between man and man. Why should it wipe out the natural difference between men and women? The women of England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, the Scandinavian countries and our own equal suffrage states are not perceptibly different in looks or manners from women elsewhere, although they have been voting for years.

New Numbers Given.

When the draft becomes effective, the drawing will be made by numbers. The numbers drawn will be reported to the county exemption boards. But the numbers will not correspond to those received at the time of registration on June 5th when each registration district began with number one, instead, the registration in the County has been numbered by beginning at one and continuing for the more than six hundred registered. The NEWS will endeavor to get the numbers as they are drawn and report them opposite the names of the men to whom the numbers belong. Those registered may find their new numbers at the Commissioners' office.

Tree Talk.

Prepared by the State Forestry Department. State forests with a total area of over 3,600,000 acres have been established in thirteen states. New York has 1,826,000 acres, Pennsylvania has 1,014,000 acres, and Wisconsin has 400,000 acres.

A relative of the white pine blister rust has been found on another species of pine in Huntington county.

Chestnut east of a line drawn from Smethport to Bedford may as well be cut. The blight will kill it.

Pennsylvania's lumber cut last year was only a trifle over half a billion feet. Washington cut over four billion feet and stood first on the list, Pennsylvania's place twenty years ago.

Planted First Flag.

Boone Bowman, son of Rev. John C. Bowman, formerly of Franklin county, but now of Lancaster, is said to have planted the first United States flag over a captured German trench. Bowman always carried with him a small flag, and one night while he was assigned to duty on "No Man's land" he found the opportunity, although he was not fighting under that emblem.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

David McNulty, of Laurel, Md., is enjoying his annual summer vacation in McConnellsburg.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor who had been teaching drawing in Sunbury, is at home for the summer vacation.

Paul Alexander, of Lamasters, is spending a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Paylor and other relatives in this county.

James K. Linn came to McConnellsburg last Saturday to meet his wife who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. George A. Harris, and next day they returned to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bender and son Clarence, accompanied by their boarding students, Misses Huldah Foreman and Daisy Strait, spent the afternoon of July 4th in Bedford county.

Mr. Will Reiser, one of Lancaster's hustling young business men, drove to McConnellsburg last Saturday morning in his Chev. and spent the time until Sunday in the home of his uncle Jake.

Casper Whorley and two daughters Margaret and Lillian, of Shippensburg, and his son Marshall, of Chester, Pa., were guests in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Shimer, on North Second street, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Stiver, John Stiver, Miss Ruth McMullin—all of Bedford, and Mrs. Wm. H. Ayres (May Stiver) and daughter Betty, motored over from Bedford Tuesday morning and spent the day in the home of Mrs. B. W. Peck.

After having spent four weeks very pleasantly with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendall in the Cove, Mrs. Edith Maleoim and little daughter left last Saturday morning for their home in Albia, Iowa. On their way they will stop with relatives.

Thursday of last week, Hon. and Mrs. John P. Sipes, their granddaughter Anna Mary, and Helen Daniels went to Atlantic City. Helen and Anna Mary remained in Philadelphia to visit in the home of the former's brother Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. Sipes came home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Myers, of Hancock, accompanied by Mrs. Myer's sister, Mrs. Jennie Hanks, came to McConnellsburg last Saturday and spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hays. Mrs. Myers (Aleba) and Mrs. Hanks are sisters of Mr. Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Cromwell and baby Paul and Mrs. Abbie Moore, near Laidig, were shopping in McConnellsburg last Monday. On last Sunday, Harmon took the following neighbors to Gettysburg and returned: Mrs. John Hochensmith, Mrs. Dick Deshong and Mr. and Mrs. "O" Deshong.

Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Trout and daughter Esther and son William, accomplished by Mrs. Chas. Desenberg, and the Doctor's mother, Mrs. Matilda B. Trout, drove over from Red Lion, Pa., last Sunday morning and spent the time until Wednesday in the Trout home in this place. Mrs. M. B. Trout had been visiting in Red Lion.

Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Canfield (Laura) Stoner arrived in McConnellsburg last Saturday from their home in Cocoa, Fla., and are spending a few days in the home of their uncle Albert Stoner and their aunt Mrs. Annie Benford. Mr. Canfield is a prominent business man in his home city, and is enthusiastic in his statements of the possibilities to "make money" in Florida—especially in the Indian River section of which Cocoa is the business center.