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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

MRS. ASA BREAKALL.
Susie Manning Breakall, wife of Asa Breakall, passed away at her home near the Tonoloway Baptist church on Friday morning, July 27, 1917 in the 53rd year of her age. The funeral, conducted by her pastor Rev. W. J. Gillis, of Hancock, took place Sunday and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Tonoloway Baptist church.

Mrs. Breakall had been a consistent member of St. Thomas Episcopal church at Hancock for twenty-nine years and she was a consistent Christian woman. She survived by her husband and three sons and three daughters, at home, namely, Edgar Maule, Bessie Grace, Janet Estelle, Effie, Leroy Woodrow, Alonzo Edward. One son, James Marshall died nineteen years ago. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Thomas and Benjamin, residing in Thompson township; Charles Warfordsburg; William, at Hancock, Jane, wife of Joseph Bernale, Berkeley Springs, Va., and Ellen Wisenberg, North Mountain, W. Va.

MRS. AARON KNEPPER.
After a period of ill health during a period of several months, Mrs. Aaron Knepper passed away at her home in Taylorsville, early Tuesday morning, aged about 50 years. Funeral services conducted by her pastor Rev. G. B. M. Bell, of the M. E. Church, took place yesterday and interment was made in the cemetery at Center M. E. church.

Mrs. Knepper was a daughter of the late Stewart Landers, and she survived by her husband, the daughter Miss Fannie at home and by one son, John, aged and living near her late home.

MRS. CHARLES LEWIS.
Charles Lewis died in his 57th year, August 3, 1917, at about 57 years. She died of indigestion, and was dead in bed by her son when he went to her home to call her last Friday morning. She had been dead about two days when found. Funeral services on the following Sunday and interment was made at Mt. Zion, near Grove, and the services conducted by Rev. James

deceased is survived by her husband, and two sons—Ed and Russell, in Hancock, a daughter, Ruth, at Russell Layton, near Hill post office. She was the daughter of Job Mellott.

OLIVER PECK.
Oliver Peck a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Taylorsville on Thursday August 2, 1917 aged about 70 years of paralysis. The funeral services conducted by Eld. Peck, took place on Saturday and interment was made at the cemetery at Zion M. E. church near Timber Ridge.

deceased was a veteran of the Civil War, he having been a member of Co. H, 158th regiment, and was mustered into the service in the fall of 1862. He was the husband of Mrs. Peck, who is survived by her sons, James, near Big Cove, and Job, near Clearspring, Pa., residing in Thompson township, this county.

MATTHEW BYERS.
Matthew Byers died at the home of his daughters in Rock, Pa., on Thursday, August 2, 1917 aged 70 years. The funeral

In Error.

Two weeks ago, a story went the rounds of the newspapers that the Westinghouse people would employ many hands on the secret manufacture of an article for the government. It seems to have been an error as the following letter to Lee B. Truax will show:

Dear Sir:—Referring to your letter of July 21st, applying for a position in our factory in accordance with the newspaper article referred to, we are writing to advise that this was an unfounded rumor and there is absolutely no truth in the statements made by the papers. We can say this not only so far as this Company is concerned, but for all of the Westinghouse interests.

Very truly yours,
WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE CO.

Stock Shipments.

During the first four days of last week, Grant Baker shipped out of the County seventy-four lambs, and over forty head of cattle. In addition, he bought thirty-six head that he did not ship.

We do not know what the total valuation was, but we know that the lambs alone represented nearly \$1,000. It is not up to Grant to say what should be sold, but with sheep and wool selling at present prices, it seems too bad that the ewe lambs did not remain in the County in order that advantage might be taken of the improved conditions for raising sheep.

Broke Her Arm.

Mrs. Susan Kerr and daughter Miss Mary, of Jersey Shore, Pa., came to McConnellsburg last Tuesday to visit Miss Mary Pittman and other friends. During the afternoon, they stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, on south Second street and as Mrs. Kerr was descending a stairway she fell from the lower step and fractured one of her arms at the wrist.

Barn Burned.

During the severe electrical storm of last Monday, lightning struck Eli Hann's barn, in Belfast township and the structure was burned to the ground. His grain and hay were destroyed, together with some farm machinery. All livestock was saved. The barn was practically new, large in size and well filled. We could not learn the estimated loss nor the amount of insurance.

Mr. Joseph Sipes, near Harrisonville, was among the callers last Saturday who paid subscriptions to 1918.

took place on the following Saturday, and interment was made at McKees Rocks. Much of the time during the last two or three years Mr. Byers made his home with his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Peck at Needmore. He served more than two years in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion.

MARY JANE UNGER.

Mary Jane Unger, for many years an employee at the National Hotel in Chambersburg, died at that place August 1, 1917, aged about 65 years. She is survived by the following brothers and sisters: George E. Unger, of Chambersburg; John, of Fulton county; Samuel, of Somerset county; and Mrs. John Davis, of Hagerstown. The deceased was a member of the First Lutheran church Chambersburg.

GEORGE GRESS.

George Gress, a son of the late Godfrey Gress, of Ayr township, died at the home of his brother Adam in York, Pa., Tuesday morning, aged about 79 years. His funeral take place to-day, and interment will be made in York. The deceased was unmarried.

FULTON COUNTY TEACHERS

The Legislature Has Given Them an Increase of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars in Salaries.

For the school-year 1917-18 the school directors of the several school districts in this county have selected the teachers, whose names will be given at the close of this article. An examination of the list shows that of the eighty-four teachers, 62 hold provisional certificates; 7, professional; 6, permanent; 2, normal school certificates, and 7, normal school diplomas. Seventeen, or about 20 per cent, are beginners. This shows improvement. Twenty-five years ago, the number of beginners averaged about one-third.

Last week Governor Brumbaugh affixed his signature to a bill passed by the legislature giving teachers an increase in salary, hence, the teachers just elected will receive in salaries the following: provisionals, \$45 a month; professionals, \$55.00; permanent, \$60.00; State Normal school certificates, \$55.00; and Normal school diplomas, \$60.

To those of us who taught "years ago" for \$15 a month, the present rate looks good; but when it is considered that the average man or woman who has brains enough to pass an examination, get a certificate, and teach a school successfully, has brains enough to earn more money at something else. School teachers are slowly coming into their own. They have always been underpaid.

While they were at it, the legislature did not forget the County Superintendent, and the gentleman who fills that office beginning with the close of the present term will receive no less than \$2,000 a year and may receive \$2,500, if the directors at the Convention say so.

Of this increase in salaries, Dr. Schaeffer, State Superintendent, says: "During a period of increase of the cost of living and of general advance of the wages in all other occupations, our faithful teachers richly deserve the increase of salary fixed by the last legislature and approved by the Governor."

The first thing most people will think of as they read this is: "Will it make my school tax higher?"

No; to take care of the increased salaries, the legislature added two million dollars to the appropriation making the sum 18 million dollars instead of 16. Of course, when the State gave 16 million dollars to the schools, the State paid the County Superintendents and the Normal school appropriation in addition. Now the salaries of the superintendents and the Normal school appropriations are paid out of the 18 million. As that takes only about 750 thousand, there is left a sum equal to a million and a quarter which will pay the increase voted to the teachers and superintendents.

The following list shows the names of the teachers and the schools they will have during the ensuing year:

AYR—Big Cove Tannery, Retha Mellott; Laurel Ridge, Cora Nesbit; Webster Mills, Dorothy Kirk; Corner, Kenneth Glazier; Back Run, Lydia Humbert; Rock Hill, Stanley Humbert; Jughtown, Lewis Harris; Cito, Hazel McQuade; Road, May Pittman.

BELFAST—Cross Roads, Levi Garland; Sipes Mill, Foster Hollinshead; Maple, Ettie Waltz; Jacob Lake's Hobart Truax; Philip Morgret's Clarence Morton; Pleasant Grove, Vernona Mellott; Needmore, Floyd Hart; Morton's Point, Florence Truax; Cedar Lane, George Mellott.

BETHEL—Warfordsburg Advanced, Blanche Smith; Warfordsburg Primary, Gladys Norris; Gordon's, Frances Norris; Alpine, Mary Breakall; Mt. Airy, W. W. Mellott; Franklin Mills, Earl Golden; Mays Chapel, Clara

Costly Bluffing.

Last Friday morning, an auto bearing New York State license tags became disabled at Harrisonville. The occupants were Italians. They went to Hollinshead's store and asked him to telephone to McConnellsburg for a car to tow them to a garage. Mr. Hollinshead telephoned to J. W. Linn who replied that his truck would be there promptly and Mr. Hollinshead reported same to the waiting men. It seems that after having received word that Linn's machine would come, the Italians stopped a car on the bridge at Harrisonville and sent word with the driver to send help from McConnellsburg, and by reason of having a lighter car, the man sent by this party reached the wrecked car ahead of Linn's truck and towed it to town. Mr. Linn then asked the Italians to pay for the trip with the truck to Harrisonville, but the strangers flatly refused payment. Suit was then brought before Justice of the Peace A. D. Peightel, and in addition to the claim for three dollars by Mr. Linn, the bluff relieved the fellows of \$5.00 costs—a total of \$8.00, this too, in addition to what the other man charged for bringing the car to town and repairing it.

Lighting's Work.

The record-breaking heat of last week was broken on Thursday afternoon by an electrical storm that did much damage. Seven barns were struck by lightning in Lancaster county and one in Franklin county. While the storm was severe in the vicinity of McConnellsburg the only damage reported to us was the loss of a valuable cow belonging to William Woodall, on the Jared Pittman farm a short distance south of town.

Norris; Black Oak, Myrtle Remsburg.

BRUSH CREEK—Oak Grove, Roy Plessinger; Locust Grove, Celia Barton; Buchanan, Myrtle Duvall; Buffalo, Minnie Lynch; Akersville Advanced, Ernest Walters; Akersville Primary, Hazel Reeder; Emmaville, Hazel Cline.

DUBLIN—Battle Ridge, John Kelso; Burnt Cabins, Roy J. Mathias; Mud Level, Jane Cromer; Fort Littleton, Esther Welch; Clear Ridge, Gertrude Gelvin; Glunt's Oda Gutshall; Chesnut's, Edith Wilds.

McCONNELLSBURG—High School Admiral Smith; Assistant High School, Sophia Hohman; Grammar, Joan Morton; Intermediate, Grace Lodge; Primary, Jeanette Stoutegale.

TAYLOR—Hustontown, H. P. Barton; Laidig, Olive Clevenger; Fairview, Myrtle Alloway; Gracey Thad Winegardner; Waterfall, Beatrice Mellott; Winegardner, Earl Keebaugh; Wintergreen, W. G. Wink; Cherry Grove, Howard Knepper.

THOMPSON—Bald Eagle, Thomas Truax; Board Yard, Rose Keefer; Ditch Run, Janet Brakeall; Oakdale, Pearle Stahle; Independence, Jessie Yeakel; Center, Alice Brewer.

TOD—Douglass, Scott Alexander; Knobsville, Maudleen Stevens; Woodburn, Ettie Snyder; Scott's, Harvey Raker; Summer's Willis Daniels.

UNION—Amaranth, Kenneth McKee; Zack's Ridge, Ada Lehman; Centre, Orben Hebner; Harmonia, Gilbert Mellott; Excelsior, Lily Ritz; Barnes Gap, Clyde Stahle.

WELLS—Tannery Advanced, Alice Cutchall; Tannery Primary, Jessie Cutchall; No. 2, Elizabeth Hixson; No. 3, Mary Helman; No. 4, Anna Howard.

LICKING CREEK—Shanes, Ally Deshong; Compulsion, Edith Fix; Siloam, Wilmer Mason; Valance, Rebecca Hockensmith; Saluvia, C. W. Mellott; Forest Dale, Daisy Strait; Daniels, Verlie Decker.

KILLED IN FRANCE.

Schoolmate of Several McConnellsburg Boys Killed While On Duty at Front in France.

Word was received recently of the death in France of James Wilson Gailey, of New Park, Pa., Gailey and another young American named Hamilton, of Clinton, Mass., had been in active service in an ambulance corps for a month. The day on which they died the two men had placed four wounded men in an ambulance. Hamilton mounted the machine and took the wheel. Gailey was just closing the door of the ambulance when a bursting shell killed both of them, and two of the wounded men. The two Americans were given full military honors at their burial at the front. Hamilton was twenty-four years of age, and Gailey twenty-one.

Gailey was a classmate of Wilmer Hays and a schoolmate of John Taylor and Russell Stevens at Perkiomen Seminary in 1911-12-13. At the time he went to France, he and Amos Huston were students at Princeton and were members of the "Princeton College Unit" that went to France. Huston is a son of the late Henry Huston, of Clear Ridge, this county, and he is the youngest of the Huston Brothers of Three Springs. Huston, Gailey and Hamilton were members of the same unit.

A Family Reunion.

A reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Cromwell, near Maddensville, on Thursday, August 2, 1917, and for the first time in seven years the family of eight children—six boys and two girls—were at home at the same time. A sumptuous dinner was served out in the orchard under the walnut trees, after which a photograph of the party was made. The party consisted of Ira H. Cromwell, wife, and children Florence and Bernice, of Orbisonia; Roy C. Cromwell, wife, and children Arthur, Beulah and Alta, of Mercersburg; Oscar Cromwell and wife, of Pitcairn, Pa.; Thomas R. Cromwell, wife, and children George and Paul, of Laidig; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stains (Eula) and children Ruth, Harold and Althea Grace, of Wood, Pa.; Fred Madden and wife (Elsie) and baby Adele Rose, of Orbisonia; Emery, at home. Also, Miss Grace Mort and Miss Nellie Stape.

None of the six sons has been drafted, but three sons and two sons-in-law have been registered.

Birthday Surprise.

Mrs. Job Hess had a birthday recently, and, according to her statement, she did not know she had so many friends until the autos began to arrive. They came from all directions, and they brought chicken, ice cream, bananas, watermelons, and other good things to eat. The party was a surprise to Mrs. Hess and her family. Among the guests were the following friends and neighbors: Mrs. F. P. Hart, Mrs. J. J. Palmer Mrs. Maggie Bard, Mrs. Moses Hess, James Truax and wife; Mrs. Annie O'Rourke, Vincent Hart and wife; Geo. Evans and wife; Marcus Mellott and wife; Alexander Barnhart, Florence Truax, Morea Mellott, Madeline Truax, Irene Hess, and Beulah O'Rourke. Floyd Hart, Fred Dixon, Denver and Dayton Evans, Melvin Culler, Kermit Bard, Raymond Mellott, George and Rolla Hess and Paul Palmer.

Had Hard Fall.

A few days ago, Mrs. E. R. McClain stood on a chair on the south end of her front porch to adjust some strings for vines. She lost her balance and fell to the lawn at the end of the porch, a distance of about four or five feet from the chair seat. She fainted, but soon revived after she was carried to the porch swing. Some very severe bruises resulted from the fall.

Cash Road Tax Bonus.

The several townships in Fulton county will soon be paid the cash road tax bonus for the years 1910-12. The bonus for 1913-14 will be paid next year. Readers will recall that the legislature of 1909 amended the tax law so that townships of the second class should thereafter receive from the state a bonus of fifty per centum of the cash road tax collected. The law requires that townships must file annual reports with the Bureau of Township Highways, of the State Highway Department, before they may receive this bonus also, they must file an agreement with the State Highway Department, setting forth the purpose for which the township and State money will be spent. The state bonus money must be expended for one or more of the following purposes:

Buying and installing concrete, cast iron, corrugated pipe and installing concrete or stone masonry headwalls; for the construction of concrete culverts and of concrete or of steel bridges, according to plans approved by the Bureau of Township Highways; for permanent grading, widening, or straightening roads; for the construction of brick, concrete, macadam, slag, gravel, or flint roads; for the construction of concrete, or concrete and stone masonry retaining walls to support roads and for the township's share of the cost of state-aid road construction.

Following is a list of the amounts that will be paid to the townships mentioned:

Township.	Amount.
Ayr	\$897.02
Belfast	95.71
Bethel	680.69
Brush Creek	349.68
Dublin	54.99
Licking Creek	462.42
Taylor	78.78
Thompson	72.81
Tod	248.64
Union	319.82
Wells	406.58
Total	\$3,667.04

French Losses Small.

The French loss in killed in battle is very small when the great number of men in service is considered. The loss including killed, wounded and taken prisoner is estimated at five out of every four hundred engaged. Eliminating the wounded and captured, probably not more than one in every four hundred is killed. It is said that more are killed on duty outside of the trenches than inside. According to these figures, fighting in the trenches is not as dangerous as working with machinery in the harvest fields of America. France has 3,000,000 men in the field. If but one in every four hundred is killed in battle, the number of fatalities would have to be 7,500 in each battle. This number would not include wounded and prisoners.

Aughwick Picnic.

Last Sunday, Mr. Lutz, Mrs. Blanche Harglerode and little daughter Lucy—all of Everett; Mrs. Couch, of Johnstown, and Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, of Knobsville, went to see Mrs. Campbell's daughter, Mrs. Wilson L. Cline, near Fort Littleton. (It was Mrs. Cline's birthday.) When they arrived, they found assembled Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cline and Miss Bertha Cline and her mother, of Burnt Cabins; Charles Wagner, wife and son Lloyd, of Mercersburg; Miss Helen Little, of Lemasters; John Barmont, wife and sons Paul and John and daughters Mabel, Vera and Ruth, of Chambersburg.

They spread their "eats" 'neath the shade along Aughwick Creek and drank of the water from the "Indian Spring" and spent the day on the childhood playgrounds of Mrs. Barmont and Mrs. Wagner.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Miss Elsie Greathead returned home last Monday from Missouri where she had been teaching.

Mrs. Franklin S. Clouse, of Philadelphia is visiting her aunt Mrs. Thomas Hamill, on east Lincoln Way.

Miss Grace Mosser, of Altoona, came last Monday to visit her brother, J. W. Mosser, for several weeks.

John B. Sipes, accompanied by his grandson Orrin Shaw, both of Hustontown, were pleasant callers at this office last Saturday.

F. C. Hockensmith, wife and four children, of Johnstown, came to this county Thursday of last week to visit relatives, after having spent some time in Franklin county with the wife's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Knepp, of Pittsburg, accompanied by C. G. Spence and J. C. Hixon and daughter Miss Myrtle of Union township, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg Tuesday afternoon.

S. G. Lashley, postmaster at Lashley, Nathan Wigfield and son John of Union township, called on us during the shower on Monday. Farmer Wigfield reports labor scarce and would be glad to secure a good farm hand.

Mr. W. M. Lodge and family of Saxton came to McConnellsburg last Sunday morning, spent the day and in the evening returned home accompanied by Mrs. Lodge's father, Mr. Albert Stoner, who will spend a few weeks in the home of his daughter.

Mrs. Minnie King and daughter Margaret, near Hiram, were guests during last week of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Brant, near Dane. Last Saturday all came to McConnellsburg in Mr. Brant's new Ford, with Clem C. Brant at the wheel.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Leidy Yearick left Monday morning for a two-weeks' outing at Mt. Gretna. They will be domiciled while there in the cottage of Mr. Yearick's brother, Rev. Z. A. Yearick. In consequence of Mr. Yearick's absence, there will not be any preaching services in the Reformed or the Presbyterian church during his absence.

Home Defense Police.

Last week, we briefly mentioned a move to organize a home defense police force in every county in Pennsylvania. Executive Secretary Walter R. Sloan of the Public Safety Committee for Fulton county has received sample copies of instructions and application blanks as well as a sample billy, arm band, and metallic badge to be supplied to each policeman. Application blanks and little printed folders of explanation will soon be sent out over the County.

Cumberland county has been organized as a model. Probably nine men in each township will be accepted as local units. Men between the ages of 45 and 60 are eligible if they possess the necessary qualifications. Full details are too long to print. Secure official printed matter when it appears through some prominent person in your township.

Severe Storm.

Last Monday afternoon, a severe storm swept across part of the County. The storm seemed hardest between Webster Mills and Needmore. Great damage was done to standing corn. As an illustration of the strength of the wind, a large apple tree loaded with green fruit was lifted bodily out of the ground and carried across the road at William Mellott's home in Ayr township.