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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

**Mrs. SAMUEL D. MELLOTT.**  
Elsie Barnhart, wife of ex-county Commissioner Samuel D. Mellott, died at their home in Belfast township on Thursday, August 16, 1917, aged 63 years, months and 16 days, from a complication of diseases. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Logue, of the Christian Church, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Cedar Grove.  
Besides her husband she is survived by one son and four daughters, namely, Albert, near Philadelphia; Lydia, wife of A. Truax; Jessie, wife of Bennett; Nettie, wife of Edward; and Nannie, at home.  
The deceased was a daughter of Joseph and Mary Barnhart, deceased and she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Alfred, near Warfordsburg; Moses, somewhere in the West; Mrs. Cassie Winters, near Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Nancy Fisher, near Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Edna Henline, near Mt. Pleasant; and Mrs. Mellott joined the Christian Church in young womanhood. She was a model wife and mother and enjoyed the esteem and affection of a large circle of friends.  
Since putting the foregoing obituary type, we learn that Miss Nettie, one of the daughters mentioned, died on Tuesday evening of this week. She was about 35 and was sick at the time of her mother's death.

**ELIAS WINK.**  
Mr. Elias Wink, one of Belfast township's highly esteemed citizens, died suddenly on Wednesday, August 15, 1917, aged 71 years, 11 months and 5 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Mellott, of the Christian Church, took place on Thursday, and interment was made in the old Wink graveyard.  
The deceased was a son of John and Catherine Lake and he was born on the old homestead on Licking creek in 1843. He was married to Martha Correll, daughter of late Joseph Correll a well known Baptist clergyman, who lived together with one son, Elias Wink, of Eastern Shore, Md., one daughter Elizabeth, wife of Richard E. Mellott, of Belfast township, Lucy, wife of J. B. Wink, having died but a short time ago.  
Some time past Elias Wink and his wife made their home on their son-in-law Joseph B. Wink's place. After dinner last Wednesday he and his 10-year-old son, Robert Wink, went to the creek fishing. While they were intent on watching the fish, he heard a noise which caused him to look around, when he saw his grandfather lying on the ground, and going to see if he was dead. Mr. Wink found his grandfather dead, and with a disease death comes very suddenly sometimes.

**Defense Police Force.**  
The committee of Public Safety is taking steps towards the organization of a home defense police force. At a meeting, Monday evening, of the local members of the committee it was determined to push the organization in the county and to extend it until every township has a force of not less than 25 men. This means about 250 men in the county. It takes a man of good intelligence and ability to qualify for this position. Each member is under a warrant for arrest on sight with a fine of \$100, but as this is a patriotic measure there is no trouble in getting men in the county to take their services during an emergency.

## Reception.

A very interesting wedding reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Garland at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. D. A. Garland near Needmore on Tuesday evening of last week at which time forty-one guests were present, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Garland, Mrs. Wilson Myers, Mr. and Mrs. James Mc. Lough, Mrs. Charlie Peck, Rev. E. J. Croft, Rev. Z. J. Powers, Mrs. A. G. B. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Mellott, Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell Truax, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Plessinger, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sharpe, Mrs. David Hill and daughters Nannie and Altie, Mrs. David Garland, Ada and Vera Plessinger; Lessie, Rubie and Herman Bard; Flossie, Gladys and Charlotte Sharpe; Ethel, Ruth and Lester Croft; Flora, Ruth Mabel and Carl Garland; Edward Hann, Erey Powers, Elmer Lake and Blair Garland.

At 8 o'clock there appeared upon the scene a calithumpian band composed of 125 members, that made it quite interesting for the newly married couple for awhile.  
Levi and his bride have a wide circle of friends who wish them a long prosperous and happy life.

## Destructive Electric Storm.

One of the most heavy electrical storms in a long time passed over the northern part of this county and into Franklin county last Thursday afternoon. In Wells Valley the lightning struck Warren Anderson's barn on the old Elias place and totally destroyed it, together with his entire crop of wheat and other grain, as well as one valuable horse that could not be rescued from the burning building. It is said there is but little if any insurance.  
About three o'clock the same afternoon, the big bank barn on the farm in Franklin county upon which Judge Gillan was born, and now owned by Joseph Dice was struck and totally destroyed, together with his entire crop entailing a loss of more than \$10,000.00.

## Clyde Ott Hurt.

Last Sunday evening Clyde Ott, who lives on the Hal B. Trout farm north of town, met with a painful accident. He had taken two horses to water, riding one, and leading the other by a rope halter. When near the stable, the horse being led, pushed ahead to go into the stable. To prevent this, Clyde pulled back on the halter, when the rope broke suddenly causing Clyde to lose his balance and fall headlong to the hard ground. Fearing that the collar bone and shoulder blade were broken, he was taken by Hal Trout to the Chambersburg hospital Monday. Upon careful examination by the surgeons there, it was found that no bones were broken, and he returned home Monday evening.

## Family Reunion.

Rev. Charles Mayne, of Griswold, Iowa, J. Frank Mayne, of Shelby, Iowa, Samuel Mayne, of Duncannon, Pa., and their sister Miss Annie, of Fort Littleton, passed through McConnellsburg, Monday morning in Sam's car, going to Duncannon, to spend a few days in Sam's home. The boys and their sister Minnie, of Sheby, had been visiting their father Alexander Mayne, now in his eighty-fourth year, at the old home in Fort Littleton. Minnie is "keeping house" this week while her sister Annie is having an outing.

Mr. E. H. Kirk and wife, Mr. Howard Kirk and Master Merrill Keller, of Hiram, and Mrs. J. C. Lamberson, of Hustontown were in attendance at the Union picnic here, on Thursday of last week and were guests of Postmaster and Mrs. W. R. Speer.—Everett Republican.

## Canning Demonstrations.

Do your "bit" in helping to win the War by attending the canning and drying demonstrations to be held throughout the county next week, and learn how you can do your share in the Food Conservation Campaign that is being carried out by Mr. Herbert Hoover, the National Food Administrator.

The people of Fulton County are on the ground floor, so to speak, of this Campaign. Here, where the majority of the people raise foodstuffs for a living, is where the best work can be done. On account of lack of shipping facilities, our army in Europe will have to depend, to a large extent, on dried food. Here is where we can help. We do not have a railroad, and sometimes our apples etc. rot on the ground for lack of a market. We must not let this occur this year, as it may mean starvation to our own men and those of our allies.

Miss Ruth Whiting, an expert from State College, will demonstrate the proper way to do all this.

The demonstrations will be held as follows: August 29th afternoon demonstration 2:30 p. m., evening demonstration 7:30 p. m., both Court House, McConnellsburg. August 30th afternoon demonstration, at 2:30 p. m., in Buck Valley Grove, Buck Valley; and evening demonstration at 7:30 p. m., at Needmore, Pa. August 31st, afternoon demonstration at 2:30 p. m. in Methodist Church, Fort Littleton, and evening demonstration at 7:30 p. m. at Hustontown.

Attend these meetings. You will get some pointers on putting up fruit that will be new to you.

## Barked Up Wrong Stump.

Sometime ago Wilbur F. Berkstresser, special agent of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, made information before Justice-of-the-peace Amos D. Peightel, charging that George Sprowl's dogs had been guilty of chasing deer contrary to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, to wit: on a certain day in last February, and again on the 14th and 15th of June.

Ten o'clock last Saturday morning was named as the hour for the hearing, and on account of the importance of the case and the number of witnesses, the case was heard in the Hall of Justice in the Court House.

Attorney John P. Sipes appeared for the prosecutor and Attorney John R. Jackson, for the defendants—the dogs. After a legal battle lasting until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, more time than it usually takes to dispose of the business in a Fulton County term of court, the Justice rendered a decision completely exonerating the hounds.

## Winter--Kresh.

Lloyd Alphonso Winter, of Fort Littleton, and Matilda Christine Kresh, of Harrisburg were united in marriage at Hagerstown on the 23th of July, 1917 by the Rev. R. E. Lynn of the Washington Avenue M. E. church. The happy couple are spending some time with the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Husler at Fort Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Winter will go to Harrisburg soon where they will make their home Mr. Winter has been employed as conductor on the Harrisburg Railways Co., for some time.

## Liquor Sent in Auto Tires.

Hagerstown police commissioners have been notified that liquor was being shipped in quantities into dry West Virginia in automobile tires. The liquor is purchased in Hagerstown, smuggled to a point near the West Virginia line, pumped into the tires and taken to Martinsburg. Police Commissioner Orrick directed Lieutenant of Police Barber to apprehend the smugglers.

## HON. GEORGE A. SMITH.

### Biographical Sketch As Published in the Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

We are indebted to T. Elliott Patterson, Esq., secretary of the committee on legal biography of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, for a copy of the Report for 1917, containing the following biographical sketch of a once prominent citizen of this county: **Smith, George A.** (51st J. D., Fulton), born April 11, 1830; died February 1, 1917. Admitted to the Bar in 1859.

Mr. Smith was a son of Rev. George Asbury Smith, a well-known Methodist minister of southern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland, a man of ability in his day.

His son the subject of this memoir was like his father of commanding physical presence, and of equal if not greater mental power.

From his first coming to the Bar to the end of his active practice he always maintained a first place among his local Bar, and was recognized as their most representative member. It was often said of him that had he chosen a larger County town or had gone to any of the cities of our State he would have forged a place for himself among the ablest men of his profession.

After eighteen years at the Bar of his County he removed to Rogersville, Tennessee, where he made his home to the time of his death. Yet in all those years, and as late as the summer of 1916, he came north to attend the Fulton County courts.

Not only will the juniors of his own Bar but those of earlier days whose admission he moved for and who made their homes elsewhere thereafter, remember his sympathetic and paternal interest in their welfare, wherever they located.

Mr. Smith's active professional life as a young man was spent among the stirring scenes along the border during the Civil War. Only a few months before his death he contributed a very interesting account of the first cavalry fighting north on the Mason and Dixon line that took place between a Federal and a Confederate Company of equal numbers commencing in the streets of McConnellsburg and finished on the McConnellsburg and Baltimore pike a half mile east of the town. The Federals were successful, and the bodies of the Confederates lie, buried near where they fell. He was an eye witness to the scene and with other citizens was among those who attended the burial of the dead that evening. A lover of healthy outdoor country sports he was fond of the streams and the woods, and of the rod and gun. In one of his last conversations he said, "O! it was not so much the game," as the weird and interesting experience with dog and gun in the quiet of the woods far out from the ordinary haunts of every day life.

## Had Nice Visit.

Associate Judge William Mellott and wife, of Ayr township, returned home from Pittsburgh a few days ago, in which city they visited their son George and family. The Judge ate dinner on his 56th birthday at George's. While in the Iron City they visited the parks, zoos, large manufacturing plants, big stores and other places of interest and had a most enjoyable time.

## Some Snakes.

Last week Alonzo Barnhart had Joe Hess helping cut up an old tree that had blown down during the summer. The men were somewhat surprised upon splitting the tree to find it inhabited by snakes. When the slaughter of the reptiles was finished and a count made, it was found that there were fourteen copperheads and one adder.

## Does Farming Pay?

The answer to the caption of this article may be gathered from the following taken from the Albia (Iowa) Republican of the 9th inst. The gentleman named is a brother of Mrs. J. L. Grove, of town, and a son of the late Archie Johnston of Ayr township. Really, if conditions do not change, farmers will get as rich as editors. Read what the Republican says:

"Elmer Johnston on route number four, on Monday of this week, threshed and sold to the Albia Roller Mills, 926 bushels of spring wheat grown on 19 acres. The wheat sold for \$2.50 per bushel, making \$2250 per acre. Mr. Johnston also threshed 235 bushels of extra quality of fall wheat from 10 acres, that was hardly considered worth saving last spring and but for the fact that everyone was urged to grow all the wheat possible, this piece would have been turned under and planted to corn.

"Four pounds of twine to the acre was required to bind the spring wheat and it might be interesting to note in connection with this excellent yield that Mr. Johnston was one of the enthusiastic supporters of the Short Course held in Albia in December 1915 and 1916."

The Republican says further that if California had produced an equal number of dollars from nineteen acres of grain all the newspapers in the state would have gotten out extra editions of their paper, advertising the wonderful opportunities in their state.

## Say It Would Be Unreasonable.

That it would be unreasonable and unfair for Adams county to enter into the proposed purchase of the Waynesboro, Greencastle and Mercersburg turnpike, as proposed by Franklin and Fulton counties is the statement of local commissioners who are unanimous in their determination to drop the entire proceeding from this end.

The above is the opening paragraph of a long article in the Gettysburg Times telling why the county has refused to have any part in the deal.

## State Agricultural Notes.

Secretary of Agriculture Chas. E. Patton is urging farmers and housewives to plan for the storage of potatoes and vegetables.

It is estimated that the Pennsylvania barley crop will amount to 368,000 bushels.

Early estimates place the 1917 tobacco crop in the State about ten million pounds above that of last year.

The sweet potato crop this year will be about 11,000 bushels larger than last year and a total of 111,000 bushels.

The hay crop is almost a million tons less than the 1916 crop which was a record.

The Pennsylvania peach crop will be slightly better than the crop of last year, estimates showing an increase of about 300,000 bushels.

The crop of tomatoes, cabbage onions and field beans is reported in much better condition than a year ago.

August reports indicate an increase in the wheat crop over the estimates made during the past month.

The apple crop will be considerably below the production of last year and many northern tier counties have practically no apples.

The Civic Club requests the Town Council and all others interested in the improvement of the Square to please meet with them Friday, 24th at 7 o'clock at Mr. Jno. P. Sipes. This meeting is to decide upon a plan for the Square and your presence is necessary.

## HUSTONTOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith are rejoicing over a newcomer. It is a baby girl. Mother and daughter doing well.

Mrs. William Evans and son Harold returned home Monday from Crystal Spring Camp where they were tenters.

Among those greeting friends at Crystal Springs Camp Sunday from here were Hon. Clem Chesnut, and David A. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Deming, Sr., of Penbrook, Pa., have returned home after spending several days pleasantly as guests of the Rev. Geo. B. M. Reidel and family.

Rev. Nathan Bishop is spending a week at Mercersburg the guest of his sons.

The last Quarterly Meeting of the conference year will be held in the U. B. church here on Saturday evening. Rev. Emunizer is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Laidig of Jeanette, Pa., are visiting among friends.

Miss Roxie Cutchall, who has been confined to her bed for about three years, still continues in feeble health.

The Fairview M. E. picnic last Saturday was well attended. Speeches along the line of patriotism and Red Cross work were delivered; also, excellent music by the Sileam Cornet Band.

Miss Margaret Kirk, of Hiram, gave several excellent readings. It was a great day from every angle.

Scholars are now turning their eyes toward the beginning of the school term which is not many weeks off.

Vernon Wink, graduate of the C. V. S. Normal, will teach this winter in Adams county.

The McClain garage, modern and equipped in every respect, is doing a thriving business in the automobile line, meeting a large felt need in this vicinity.

Our town seems to be favored with the results of out of town drunken automobile parties. Last Friday evening a car by Shaw's garage was side swiped by such a party who continued onward zig zagging all over the road. If officers would fill their duties these things would be less frequent and such inhuman tactics seem to cease.

Mrs. Smith, mother of Clarence Smith, of Shade Gap, spent Sabbath pleasantly as the guest of her son.

Geo. Lamberson still is confined to his bed and is not improving.

Rev. Levi Benson a former pastor of Hustontown U. B. church has retired from the ministry and moved into Harry Keller's home on central Main.

Eugene Chesnut employed at Breezewood, spent the week end with his family here.

Mrs. Berkley Sipes, Elizabeth Sipes, Nellie Barr, Andrew Sipes and Guy Metzler—comprize a party tenting at Crystal Springs.

According to reports of fired gun and revolver, our night watchman must have experienced trouble from prowlers during the past few weeks.

With the bushmeetings, camp meetings and picnics about over the Sunday schools and churches can now breathe easier.

The Red Cross work for Taylor is being pushed forward in a creditable manner under the efficient work of Mrs. H. C. McClain who is a hustler.

Our efficient barber Henry Fisher who lost a wood saw some time ago, was seen hunting it the other day. Fall coming the reason.

Mrs. Clark Newman spent Sunday at Walnut Grove Camp.

The M. E. church was recently reroofed by contractor John Howard.

Prof. Harper Barton is busily engaged in remodeling his recently acquired property on east Main. Cab Henry of Clear Ridge is the contractor.

## RED CROSS WORK.

### Interest Awakened Throughout the County and Auxiliaries Being Rapidly Formed.

Three years ago, the assassination of a single individual in Europe started a war that has grown in ever widening intensity until now it looks like it would indeed be a world war. The surging whirlpool has widened until our own beloved country has been drawn into its maddening waters, and our land is threatened with destruction. For two weeks, each day sees a line of Fulton County's finest young men passing into the Court House for examination as a first step in the march to the battle front. Our people are just now beginning to realize that we are really in the throes of a terrible struggle, and there will be a work for each to perform.

The Red Cross offers an opportunity for women and children, and for men who cannot go into the trenches. A short time ago, a Chapter was organized in McConnellsburg; and since that time auxiliaries are being organized in the County and everybody is getting in line to "put a shoulder to the wheel." This is YOUR work, not some one else's.

Annual members added to the list published last week are: Miss Esther Kendall, Miss Elizabeth Fulton, Mrs. Philip Rotz, Mrs. John Heinbaugh, John Bain and Miss Sybilla Ehalt.

## AUXILIARIES

### UNION TOWNSHIP

Officers: Chairman, Gilbert B. Mellott; Treasurer, Charles Gienger; Secretary, Marshall Siegel.

Members: Mrs. Geo. Lehman, Mrs. Jas. McKibbin, Mrs. Clyde Barnhart, Mrs. G. B. Mellott, Mrs. Clem Lehman, Mrs. Sallie Stable, Mrs. John Heber, Mrs. James C. Deneen, Mrs. Charles Geinger, Mrs. Laurette Lashley, Mrs. Margaret Scriver, Mrs. Orva Ward, Miss Mary McKibbin, A. J. Schetromp, Orben L. Heber, James C. Scriver, Oscar H. Lashley, Grier L. Scriver, Amos Ward.

Subscribing Member: Calvin Beatty.

### BETHEL TOWNSHIP

Officers: Chairman, Mrs. W. B. Stigers; Treasurer, Asa Spencer; Secretary, Miss Fern Crist.

Members: Hon. W. B. Stigers, Margarite Stigers, Miss L. Spencer, Miss Ella Ranck, Mrs. M. C. Spencer, Mrs. S. M. Andrews, Glenn Younker, Myrtle Remsberg, Mrs. S. O. Deneen.

### DUBLIN TOWNSHIP

Officers: Chairman, Hon. S. L. Buckley; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Fields; Secretary, F. C. Bare.

Members: Alley McCoy, Mrs. F. C. Bare, Miss Sue Orth, Mrs. Bertha E. Bare, Mrs. George Sheffield, Mrs. Chas. Bowman, Mrs. George Fraker, S. Raymond Cromer, James Sheffield, Miss Frances Fields.

### TAYLOR TOWNSHIP

Officers: Chairman, E. H. Kirk; Treasurer, Martin Laidig; Secretary, Mrs. B. H. Shaw.

Members: Chester Brant, Mrs. Della Mellott, Mrs. E. H. Kirk, Miss Margaret Kirk, Mrs. Chester Brant, Mrs. Sadie Laidig, Mrs. M. L. Laidig, Miss Iillian Laidig, Mrs. Mary Waite, Jonas Mellott, H. P. Barton, Mrs. H. P. Barton, Rev. Emunizer, Miss Beatrice Mellott.

Contributing Members: Mrs. B. H. Shaw, Mrs. Jonas Mellott. Subscribing Members: Mrs. H. C. McClain.

Mr. D. R. Wink, formerly of this county, but during the last six years a prosperous farmer in the Eastern Shore, Md., was in town a few hours Monday. He and his son Robert came to Fulton County about ten days ago for a visit, and during that time his father died. Mr. Wink and his son expects to leave Hancock for his home next Saturday.