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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

**MRS. CATHERINE E. WEAVER.** Mrs. Catherine Everts Weaver, widow of the late John Weaver, died at her home near Hancock Sunday, August 26th after a lingering illness of almost a year, aged 72 years, 2 months and 18 days.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, conducted by her pastor Rev. T. M. Dickey of the Hancock M. E. church. Interment was made in the Tonoaway Baptist Cemetery.

Mrs. Weaver's maiden name was Everts, daughter of the late Jacob and Elizabeth Ann Everts, of Fulton county, Pa. Forty years ago she was united in marriage to John Weaver, of near Hancock, at which place she lived the remainder of her days. To this union five children were born, four of whom survive: Joseph, of Cumberland, Md; Abner, of Fulton county, Pa, Benjamin, and Annie, wife of Charles Corwell, at home. Also by one brother and two sisters, Ella, wife of James Shives, of Washington county, Md; Nettie, wife of Joseph Shaw, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and John, of Fulton county and will be remembered there by many of the older residents, where she spent her girlhood days. She was a consistent member of the M. E. church for a number of years.

Mother Weaver was possessed of a kind and affectionate disposition which endeared her to all who knew her, a kind and loving wife and mother, a good neighbor, ever ready and willing to go and lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed.—Hancock Star.

### WILLIAM S. GRACEY.

William S. Gracey, one of Taylor township's most highly esteemed citizens, passed away at the Nason Hospital at Roaring Spring Pa., on Monday, September 3, 1917, aged about 62 years. Mr. Gracey had been in usual health until Tuesday night of last week. When he suffered an attack of strangulation of the bowels. On Wednesday he was taken to the hospital and operated upon, and death came on the following Monday. The funeral will take place at 10:30 this morning and interment will be made at Center.

Mr. Gracey was married to the youngest sister of ex-Comptroller John Stunkard, who survives, together with the following children: Nora, wife of Isaac Burgstesser at Waterford, Pa.; Raymond, married to one of William Henry's daughters and living at Pitscarn; and Jesse and Herman at home.

The deceased was a son of Thomas and Hettie Sprowl and leaves the following brothers and sisters: Samuel, of Union; Robert, Philadelphia; John, of Tough Creek Valley; and wife of Frank..... of Pittsburgh, and Ida, wife of Richard Alloway, New Grenada.

### MRS. SARAH A. DAFER.

Mrs. Sarah Allison Truax Daffer died at her home near Pitscarn, Pa., August 16, 1917, aged about 52 years. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following brothers and sisters in this county: Martia L. Abner Truax, Mrs. Anna Shives, Mrs. Emma Kellerman, Mrs. Barbara Gordon, Mrs. Harland, Shade Truax, and Mrs. Truax. She was also an aunt of Mrs. Sam Hess and her daughter, Blair Truax—the deceased.

She died of a stroke of time before her death, and was injured on the head. From this injury a tumor developed, but she was able to walk about the house and of crutches. Her death occurred at the house on the afternoon and night of the 16th. When she

### Bob McCandlish at Fort Myer.

Last week's Hancock News says that R. J. McCandlish, who left the Cashier's desk in the First National Bank at Hancock, to offer his services to Uncle Sam is now at Fort Myer taking a course of intensive training to fit himself for command in the new army.

Being a commissioned officer in Uncle Sam's army is not as much of a cinch as it might appear. It takes about the first two months' pay for equipment. A first lieutenant's salary is \$2,000 a year. A second lieutenant commands \$1,700. Uniforms alone cost from \$40 to \$150. Few makers of officers' overcoats ask less than \$45 and as high as \$100 a garment. Leather goods of all kinds have been doubled during the last eighteen months. Ordinary army shoes sold for \$3.50 a little more than a year ago. Now the same "kicks" are worth from \$7 to \$8.50. Puttees in some cases have tripled in price.

Only commissioned officers are required to buy their own equipment. Supplies, including clothing, are furnished non-commissioned officers and privates by the government.

### Do You Get The NEWS.

Now, that our boys are leaving home to enter upon the activities of the War, new interest in the great world struggle is being awakened, and every family in the County will want to keep in touch with them and with the progress of the great war. During the eighteen years of the existence of the NEWS it has been the supreme object of its publisher to make it indispensable to the homes of the people living in the County, and to others bound to County by ties of nativity. The fact that it goes into probably twice as many homes as any other paper published in the County is an evidence of the value of the paper. No effort will be spared to make the NEWS a medium of communication between the boys in camp and the home folks, and it will be worth while for every family in the County to see to it that the NEWS comes into the home every week. Many new names have been added to our subscription list during the last few weeks.

returned he found her lying at the foot of the porch steps dead. She had fallen and struck her head on the corner of one of the stone steps fracturing her skull.

### MISS NANNIE MELLOTT.

Miss Nannie Mellott died at her home in Belfast township Wednesday, August 22nd, the day following the death of her mother whose obituary appeared two weeks ago. Miss Nannie was aged 35 years and is survived by her father S. D. Mellott and one brother Albert, of Philadelphia, and three sisters Jessie wife of Bennett Mellott, Lizzie, wife of A. C. Truax and Nettie at home, all of Belfast township.

The deceased was a member of the Christian church and was held in high esteem by her many acquaintances.

Interment was made in the Cedar Grove cemetery August 23rd. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Logue.

### WOOSTER.

Mrs. Mary Wooster, formerly of Harrisonville, Pa., died at the home of Mrs. Fred Wertman, of Hancock, Md., last Sunday and her remains were brought to the Green Hill Presbyterian church Tuesday and were laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Yearick. Mrs. Wooster was aged 73 years and was the last of her family and has no immediate survivors. For several years she made her home with a girl she raised, at whose home she died.

### Soldiers' Reunion.

Owing to rain, the program arranged for the 1917 Soldiers' Reunion was not carried out. A crowd of almost record breaking size greeted the Veterans in the forenoon. A feature of the day was the presence of an unusual number of small children. Perhaps this was a protest against a repetition of last year's edict forbidding the assemblage of children at public meetings. Another feature was the increased number of autos parked by the hundreds in the grove. This feature alone has changed the appearance of the grove more than anything else during the past ten years.

After dinner, the speakers began taking their places, but Old Boreas evidently thought that he had better get busy along the line of food conservation after what he saw consumed in Hoop's Grove that day. Accordingly, he tilted over his watering can and let the contents spread over the fields and gardens with a large surplus to run down the backs of the thousands attending the picnic. After it was realized that all were in for a good ducking, the good natured crowd started out to make the best of the situation by poking fun at each other, each claiming that the other presented a more ridiculous appearance than he or she. No doubt that the milliners of the county are doing a rushing business repairing damages to milady's headgear.

### A Pretty Wedding.

On Saturday at twelve o'clock in the Leister House Parlor in Huntington, Prof. J. Martin Barley, of Bakers Summit and Miss Zola F. Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson, of Wells Tannery, were united in marriage by the Rev. W. W. Willard, of Warriorsmark. The bride's father and mother stood with them and the beautiful ring ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church was used. The groom has been a teacher in the public schools at Loysburg, Pa., for the past two years and the bride is one of the most respected and estimable young women in her home community. After dinner at the Leister house the happy couple left for Harrisburg and Atlantic City where they will spend several weeks. When the couple return from their bridal trip, Mr. Barley will offer his services to the Army. The friends of both young people wish them long and continued happiness.

### S. W. Kirk Appointed.

Governor Brumbaugh has named lawyers in every draft district to take exemption appeals from the local to the district board. These lawyers represent the government and it is their business to see that when the appeals go from the local to the district boards all of the facts are made a part of the record. All exemptions granted by the local boards on the grounds of dependency are appealed by the government to the district boards as a matter of routine. Among the lawyers appointed is Hon. S. W. Kirk of McConnellsburg, who will handle the appeals from the exemption board of this county.

### Shearer—Foreman.

Mr. Orville E. Shearer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shearer, of Bedford, and Miss Altha Mary Foreman, daughter of Mr. John Foreman, of Maryland, were married on August 29, 1917, at the M. E. parsonage in McConnellsburg, by the Rev. Edward Jackson.

### C. L. S. C. to Organize.

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle will meet in the home of Mrs. C. B. Stevens this evening to organize for the fall and winter weekly meetings.

### SOLDIER BOYS APPRECIATIVE.

#### Letter of Thanks to McConnellsburg Ladies for Thoughtful Gifts Sent a Few Weeks Ago.

Fabens, Texas, Aug. 1917.

#### KIND McCONNELLSBURG FRIENDS:

It is with no little appreciation that I am sending the thanks of our cavalry troop to the ladies of McConnellsburg for their kindness in supplying the young men in our Troop with "Housewives." [A "housewife" is a sewing kit, composed of a case of folding pockets containing needles, thread, thimble, buttons, scissors, pins, safety pins, etc., just what a soldier would have almost daily use for.] Of a surety you have in this way, lightened the burden that is placed upon the shoulders of each soldier who has taken his place among the defenders of our Nation, because these same little gifts contain absolute necessities that each soldier should have. You can be sure of the fact that each man who was lucky enough to receive one of those "Housewives" is happy in the realization that the ladies of your town have so kindly remembered them. These sewing kits, as I would call them, are absolute necessities of a soldier, because of the fact that each man is required to keep his clothes in repair and unless the good women who are left at home, supply these needs, it is all the harder for our soldiers to have the comforts while attending to their duty to the land that we have all learned to love and the land for whom we as soldiers are willing and ready to defend and if need be, to give up our lives. When I came South and joined this Division of Cavalry, I found the fellows who were already here in need of a great many things and I made up my mind that it was my duty to at least try and supply those needs and so I wrote to all of my friends up North, to lend a hand and I am glad to say that in every case, the call was heard and the many needs were supplied. I found upon coming to the Troop, that very few of the boys had Bibles or any religious literature and so I sent to the Christian Endeavor Society and the Church of which I was a member, and stated my request and in the course of a week or so the Bibles came and I distributed them among the boys. At first, I feared they would not want them but to my great surprise as well as satisfaction, each one wanted one and so in the next few days, I had to send for more. It would have done your heart good to see the boys in the eventide when their drilling for the day was over. There to my great surprise, I found several of them that were not afraid of the jeers of the other fellows and they were reading the little Bibles that I had given them.

Well, I was awfully happy that night and then a couple of evenings later, some of the boys came to me and told me that they had found a part of the Bible that they could not understand and I tried as best I could to give them my idea of it. The verse was "Believe on the Lord, Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Well I was not satisfied with the explanation that I had given them and so I sent to our Pastor at home and had him write an explanation of the verse. The boys could not see why that a person could be saved by the believing on the Lord, Jesus Christ, but when I read the letter to them that our Pastor had written, they began to see that it was not nearly as easy as it seemed at first and that there was a great deal more to be done before a person could be sure that they were saved. But now, I am happy in fact that we have a little church started and when the Officers saw that we were in earnest, they sent to Washington and had a chaplain sent, who

### Canning Demonstration a Great Success.

The women of Fulton County were given the great privilege this week of observing vegetable canning demonstrations given by Miss Ruth K. Whiting, who is one of the twenty-three demonstrators sent out all over the state this summer by the Home Economics Extension Department of State College.

Demonstrations were given at McConnellsburg, Buck Valley, Needmore, Fort Littleton and Hustontown. The way they came with their vegetables and jars showed that Fulton County women are alert and eager to learn what they can of the latest approved methods in canning. Tomatoes, beans, corn, beets, peas and carrots were canned and it was most forcibly shown that canning vegetables successfully does not depend upon an ideal equipment, but upon the intelligent use of such things as one has at hand.

Last spring the word "plant" seemed to be the most popular word in the English language. Then later on in the season the popularity was passed on to the word "can." In order that these perishable foods might be utilized to the best advantage, a food conservation campaign was begun. Vegetables are more difficult to can successfully than fruits, so we were helped over this difficulty by the State, through the canning demonstrators that are sent out. After each demonstration Miss Whiting distributed bulletins of instructions, which she had followed in detail. Every woman in the County should have a series, and those who do not now possess one can get one from Mr. W. R. Sloan of McConnellsburg.

According to the interest and co-operation manifested by the women of the County it will be difficult to tell December from August were we to judge the time of year by the different kinds of vegetables we will likely see on many tables. Aside from these vegetables forming a very important part of one's diet, it makes the demand upon commercially canned foods less and this leaves a great amount to be used for our own soldier boys as well as the Allies.

Miss Whiting was accompanied on her tour by Miss Minnie Reiser and Mr. W. R. Sloan, Executive Secretary of the Committee of Public Safety for Fulton County. Miss Reiser had charge of the registration cards for the food conservation campaign, and again we may well be proud of the fine and patriotic response by the women of Fulton County.

When the women of the nation recognize this great food problem as their problem much time will be saved in winning the war. And when this great struggle has ended and democracy has been made safe for the world, the women of our county will be proud to tell the next generation how they joined forces with the other women of the nation, and helped win the greater of all conflicts, not by fighting in the trenches, but by lining up as soldiers in the food conservation campaign.

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could teach the boys and so now we have a great little church, and our services are fine. It keeps the better side of life on the minds of the boys while they are far away from loved ones and friends and from the church that they were used to going before they joined the army. And so I say that any little thing that can be done for the soldiers is not a waste of time, but instead is a great kindness.

Best regards to the people of McConnellsburg from the members of Troop "E", 8th. United States Cavalry.

Respectfully,  
SAMUEL G. FERGUSON,  
Trooper.

### High Purpose.

The Sabbath School lesson for September 9th is taken from the first chapter of the book of Daniel. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." What a splendid thing it would be if every boy and girl would have instilled into them the principles of righteousness as young Daniel had! No doubt that Daniel's parents had obeyed the command of God in regard to teaching their children His commandments and laws. They were commanded to teach them diligently and frequently. "Thou shalt teach them diligently when thou sittest in thy house and when thou walkest abroad." At least Daniel was able to say "No" when the test came to violate his conscience and to cast aside his early religious training, and from the moment he declared his purpose he began to climb to fame, honor and power and won an immortal place in history.

God will honor those who honor Him. It is to be hoped that every Sabbath school superintendent and every teacher will prepare himself to teach this lesson in the most earnest and emphatic manner possible, that the idea of a high purpose in life may be riveted upon the minds and hearts of the pupils so that when they go out into life with its temptations and stern realities they will have built up for themselves a character that will stand the test. For, be sure that time will come to every one in life, and if ever the rising generation needed the guardianship of maturer years it is now. People (thoughtful people) everywhere are deploring the demoralizing effect rum and the war are having upon the young. Let us do what we can to raise up a man and woman like Daniel and Hannah.

### C. J. BREWER,

Temperance Supt., Fulton County Sabbath School Association.

### Preliminary Meeting.

The first preliminary meeting of the teachers for the ensuing term in Fulton county was held at Harrisonville on Saturday, September 1st. Superintendent J. Emory Thomas called the meeting to order and Prof. Lewis Harris was elected president.

Drill was the first subject discussed. It was agreed that some well defined course of drill should be followed so that at the end of each day, week, and month, a satisfactory answer may be had to the question "What have I taught."

In the discussion of spelling, the phonetic method was emphasized. The phonetic and object method for teaching reading was advocated, but the Fulton county teachers seem to have found the word method most satisfactory during the first two months, to be followed by the alphabetic method as the surest of success.

After each discussion, and at the close of the meeting, Prof. Thomas gave very valuable suggestions. Teachers present were: Lewis Harris, A. E. DeShong, John Kelso, Kenneth Glazier, Harvey Raker, Stanley Humbert, Willis Daniels, Scott Alexander, Wilmer Mason, Jane Cromer, Gertrude Gelvin, Esther Welsh, Retha Mellott, Cora Nesbit, Jessie Cutchall, Edith Fix, Rebecca Hockinsmith, Hazel Reeder, Myrtle Alloway, Dorothy Kirk, Maye Pittman, Daisy Strait, Hazel McQuade, Thelma Metzler, Vernona Mellott, Alice Cutchall, and Anna Howard.—Alice Cutchall, Sec.

### Peculiar Accident.

A load of oats belonging to Hughes Collins, of Bedford county, caught fire one day last week while it was on the way to the thrasher and was nearly destroyed before the blaze could be extinguished.

### PLAN FOR SEED CORN NOW.

#### It Should Be Taken From Stalks Standing Where They Grew, Before Cutting.

The acre yield of corn in the United States could and should be greatly increased, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, which states that the proper selection of seed is of primary importance in improving the yield. The average production for the country is 26 bushels an acre, though yields as high as 200 bushels have been made by contestants in boys' corn clubs.

Seed corn should be selected from stalks standing where they grew, according to the corn specialists of the department. This is necessary because it is the means of making sure that the seed will have the power to yield well, as shown by the superiority of the stalks over surrounding ones that grew under the same conditions. This sort of seed inherits high producing power.

It must be understood, says the department, that like produces like, and that an early-maturing corn yielding abundantly on short, thick stalks is likely to repeat these same characters in the next generation. For example, seed corn should be taken from stalks without suckers; such seed may produce some stalks with suckers, but it will invariably produce fewer suckers than seed from sucker-bearing stalks.

All seed corn should be selected by hand, as a special task, and not incidental to husking. The corn should be gathered as soon as thoroughly mature and before the first hard freeze. Enough should be gathered for two seasons' planting, to insure a supply of seed, if, for example, the first planting is drowned out, or if the next crop should be hurt by early frost.

### Two Million Bushels Increase.

An increase of over two million bushels in the buckwheat crop of Pennsylvania is indicated by the figures compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture from the reports on the condition of the crop early this month. The estimate places the crop for this season at 6,440,000 bushels as compared with 4,480,000 bushels last year.

When the appeal by Secretary of Agriculture Patton to the farmers to increase buckwheat acreage went out it was accompanied by the announcement that seed could be furnished by the Department at Harrisburg at cost and many bushels were sent to all parts of the state. In many counties where buckwheat had not been grown before, the farmers responded to the call and an increase of fifteen per cent. In the acreage for the entire State is shown in the reports. Last year the acreage was 279,970 acres while this year 322,000 acres will be harvested.

There is not one county in the entire State that has not reported an increase in acreage and averages of increase run from seven to fifty-seven per cent. Some of the counties showing increase of twenty per cent. and over are: Allegheny, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Lawrence, McKean, Schuylkill, Somerset, Susquehanna, and Westmoreland.

### Our Sheep Suggestions.

Experts claim that the best time for Pennsylvania farmers to buy sheep is in the fall, unless purebred stock is wanted. If wool and mutton sheep are wanted, the place to look for the ewes is in the West where grades of profitable type are raised by the thousands.

We suggest that enough Fulton county farmers get together to send a buyer West to secure several car loads—or more if wanted. We know that sheep are wanted by many since the price of wool has soared to present heights and we do not believe money could be spent in a better way than to re-stock Fulton county with sheep this fall.