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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

JOHN STANLEY WINTER.
John Stanley, little son of Moron and Orpah Snider Winter, was born Saturday, December 22, 1917, and died Friday, December 29, 1917, aged six days. Funerals were on Sunday, conducted by Eld. C. L. Funk, of the Primitive Baptist Church and interment in the cemetery at the Coloway Baptist church. The parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in the sad loss of their first-born.

AMOS HIXSON.
Amos Hixson, one of Brush Creek township's representative citizens, and a member of one of the Valley's oldest families, died in his home near Crystal Spring, Saturday, December 29, 1917, at about 78 years. The funeral took place the following Tuesday and interment was made in the cemetery at McKendree church.

He was the grandfather of the deceased Timothy Hixson, Sr., came to Virginia soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, and settled in Brush Creek Valley on the farm later owned by Anthony Spade. Sometime afterward, he purchased a tract of land later as the Enoch Hixson farm. Among his sons was Abraham, the father of Amos Hixson, the subject of this sketch. Following in line of grandfather, he and son—they were all members of the blacksmiths each having learned the trade from his father.

Amos Hixson married Rebecca in 1852, who survives, together with the following children: Grant; Nellie, wife of George R. Hix; Grace, Ernest and Jesse. Three children are dead. November 28, 1864, he answered his country's call and went in the army to help put down the rebellion, becoming a member of Company 1, 82nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served to the close of the war, being honorably discharged on the 14th day of July, 1865. Mr. Hixson was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an upright citizen, and a man who had the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

MISS MARY COHICK.
Miss Mary Cohick was born near Columbia, Pa., October 20, 1853, and died at Fort Littleton, Pa., Sunday, December 23, 1917, aged 64 years 2 months and 3 days. She spent her childhood days in Lancaster and Perry townships, removing with her parents to Fulton County during the middle sixties. In 1866 she married the S. L. Buckley home at Fort Littleton where she became as one of the family, and in which home she spent the remainder of her life in loving and faithful service that endeared herself in the home. Such service cannot be measured by dollars, nor can it ever be forgotten. She identified herself many years ago, with the Methodist Episcopal church, but being of a retiring disposition, she never took a very active part in the religious activities of the church, but was always willing and glad to contribute of her income, time, and strength in the support of the church. Many a house in her community in which sickness or death had entered in the days gone by will affectionately recall her kindly sympathetic ministrations. Hers was an exemplary life of good deeds well done; of loving service well performed. Her motto lived, not preached, was the comfort and welfare of others first—her own last. She leaves the following brothers and sisters to lament her death: John Cohick, Three Springs, Pa.; Mrs. Jennie Hess, Hustontown, Pa.; Mrs. Silas Hess, Coatsburg, Pa.; and Mrs. John Rutz, Decatur, Ill.

To Cut Salaries.

Director General McAdoo expects within the next year to cut millions of dollars from the pay rolls of the railroads. Included in those to suffer will be railroad presidents, freight solicitors, and expert financial agents paid large salaries for their money getting powers. Many others will either have to be transferred, to step out for the duration of the war, or be listed with the dollar-a-year men.

General division officers on the railroads of the country last year received \$53,200,650 or two per cent. of the money paid to all railway employes. All others received \$1,412,579,190 or an average of \$868.69 per person per year. Four big railroad presidents receive \$75,000 a year, ten receive \$50,000, while others are scaled down between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Millions spent in great national advertising campaigns of the railways will be saved.

Had Good Thanksgiving Dinner.

Harry Bender, a member of 76 Co., 6th Reg. Am. Ex. Force "somewhere in France" in a recent letter to his grandfather, Martin M. Bender, says, "Did you have a nice Thanksgiving Day? I had a fine time. We had races and an athletic meet in the morning between platoons of our company; then, a good big turkey dinner. Perhaps you do not know what a turkey dinner means in an army camp? Here's the menu: Roast turkey, bread filling, cranberry sauce, baked sweet potatoes, lettuce, apples, raisin pie, and cigars. After dinner we had a base ball game in which our company won. I will look for an answer soon."

HARRY M. BENDER.

Young Men Have Their Troubles.

George S. Mellott and son Foster of Sipes Mills were in town last Saturday. Foster is one of the draftees of this county, and a week or more ago, received his questionnaire, which he filled up and fired back to the board. Then, he betook himself off to the western part of the State to spend sometime visiting his brothers at Ambridge. He had scarcely gotten his overcoat off out there until he received a telegram to report at McConnellsburg. Of course, he reported, which took but a few minutes when he came before the Board, and then returned to Ambridge to complete his visit, unless he meets with an unexpected interruption again.

Ramsay-Betz.

Miss Eleanor Betz, granddaughter of Henry Betz an old soldier of Fulton county who resided for many years on "Betz Hill," just east of Harrisonville, and Roy Ramsay, son of the late D. Russell Ramsay, who conducted a jewelry store in McConnellsburg several years ago, were married in Philadelphia, where both have been living for some time.

D. W. Ott and Mr. Etter, near Mercersburg, called at the home of the former's father William E. Ott of Back Run last Saturday. Daniel was accompanied home by his sister Clara.

She will also be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and in the home which she spent so many years of her life, and, especially, by the children who left motherless on April 2nd, 1881 were the recipients of her motherly care and affection during their rearing, and on whom largely devolved the preservation and continuation of the home. They, as well as the father, will ever hold her in grateful remembrance.

Rev. Jackson assisted by Rev. Cline conducted the funeral service at the house and her remains were laid to rest in the Buckley burial lot in the Fort Littleton cemetery.

\$30-PENSION TO ALL VETERANS

Brodbeck Bill Introduced in House would Make Sweeping Provision for Them.

Congressman Brodbeck has introduced a measure into Congress which provides that practically all veterans of the Civil War shall receive a pension at the rate of \$30 per month. The Congressman feels that as the average age of Civil War Veterans is 73 years, which of itself incapacitates them from earning a livelihood, and because of the fact of the great service that was rendered to the country, it is only fair that in their declining years they should have proper recognition.

The bill which Mr. Brodbeck introduced is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil War and have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who have attained the age of seventy-five years or may hereafter attain that age, or who are now or may hereafter be suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of their own misconduct, which incapacitates them from performing manual labor in such degree as to render them unable to earn a support, shall, upon proof of such facts according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, be placed on the pension roll at the rate of \$30 per month.

"Pension under this act shall commence from the date of filing the application in the Bureau of Pensions, subsequent to its passage.

"No pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for service rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions, or securing any pension under this act, except in applications for pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension, and in no case shall a fee in excess of \$10 be contracted for or allowed."

Should this bill pass, and it has been referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions for consideration, old soldiers will not from time to time have to present additional evidence for the purpose of securing increases.

Under the law as it now is the veteran of 70 years who served 90 days receives \$18 per month; 6 months, \$19; one year, \$20 one and one-half years \$21.50; two years, \$23; two and one-half years, \$24; and three years \$25. Upon attaining the age of 75 years, there is an automatic increase under the existing law which provides as follows: for a service of 90 days, \$21; 6 months \$22.50; one year, \$24; one and one-half years \$25; two years \$30; and for all service over two years \$30, with no provision for a veteran receiving increased pension if he is incapacitated from earning a livelihood owing to physical disability, unless such physical disability is the direct result of disease or injury incurred while in the service.

Congressman Brodbeck expects to appear before the Committee on Invalid Pensions early in January and urge favorable action on the bill that he has introduced.

Charged with Forgery.

Charged with forgery by the Citizen's Bank of Dry Run, Enos Myers has been re-arrested on an alleged transaction made by Myers while he was cashier of the Lemasters National Bank, which was wrecked by Myers and others. Bond was furnished by Myers for his appearance for trial in court. The amount of the alleged forgery on two notes is five thousand dollars.

From Our Distant Subscribers.

Mrs. J. B. McDaniels, Harris, Iowa, December 26th.—I am enclosing money order for \$1.50 to pay another year's subscription to the NEWS. It is just like getting a letter from my old home which used to be Hustontown.

Harris is located in north western Iowa, only about five miles from Minnesota line. We have very cold weather here. It has been as low as 32 degrees below zero. So far, this winter, we have not had much snow. We had no crops this year as we were hauled out. It was a dreadful storm. Sixty-seven barns were blown down. The main crops here are oats and corn. Market prices are about the same here as in Pennsylvania. We are limited now in the purchase of sugar and flour.

Walter S. Hays, Johnstown, Pa., December 28th.—I am sending you a post office order for \$1.50 to renew my subscription for another year. We are always glad to get the NEWS. It is just like getting a letter from my old home town. Our old neighbor and friend Alex Sloan stopped off to see us on his way home from a visit to his brother Morse in Murraysville. He stayed from Saturday noon until Sunday noon with us and we were glad to see him and have an old time talk about home.

C. B. Hockensmith, Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 28th.—Enclosed I am sending three dollars to run my subscription from January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1920. As I have been taking the NEWS ever since it started in 1899, I do not want to miss a single copy if I can help it. I like to hear from the people in old Fulton County.

Wishing you a prosperous new year, I am yours truly.

Sipe--Johnson.

Mr. John W. Sipe and Miss Ethel M. Johnson were united in marriage at the M. E. Parsonage at Ottumwa, Iowa, by Rev. Day on Monday December 24, 1917. The contracting parties are both of Packwood, Iowa. The groom is a son of M. P. and M. A. Sipe, formerly of this county, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Johnson, prosperous farmers. The bride has been a successful teacher in a High School for six years, and the groom will be remembered by his Fulton County friends as having left for the "wild and woolly west" some six years ago, and he has made good.

The young couple will take charge of a large farm and go to housekeeping about the first of March. THE NEWS extends congratulations.

Noted from Ohio.

On Christmas morning C. Russell Souder and friend Dewey Robbins, left the former's home five miles west of Fostoria, O., 7 o'clock and landed in McConnellsburg at 5 o'clock Thursday evening, having covered a distance of 425 miles in 23 hours actual running time. They came by way of Cleveland and spent the first night in Youngstown, O.; the second night in Greensburg, Pa. Notwithstanding the snowy condition of the roads and the temperature, they did not have a minute's machine trouble. They made the trip in a Chevrolet and burned 22 gallons of gasoline.

Laidig--Alloway.

Brinton Dallas Laidig and Miss Viola Alloway were quietly married by Rev. S. M. Mase, pastor of the second Reformed church, Greensburg, Pa., Thursday, December 20, 1917.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Laidig of near Hustontown, the bride a daughter of Mrs. Newton Alloway of Gracey. Both are excellent young people and have the best wishes of their numerous friends for a long and prosperous journey through life.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

The Home of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Kendall the Scene of a Delightful Social Occasion.

The last hours of the last day of the last year marked the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of David M. and Lydia Troup Kendall, and the event was delightfully celebrated in their comfortable home on West Market street on Monday evening.

The guests numbering almost half a hundred were composed largely of those persons who had experienced golden weddings or were living in hope of pulling one off on their own account within the next very few years. As the bunch was looked over, it was found that Hon. and Mrs. D. Hunter Patterson were the next eligible candidates, Tommy and Mrs. Hamil and B. W. Peck and wife following in easy succession. But there's many a slip, and consequently, none of these named has any notion of issuing invitations until nearer the time.

The formal exercises were opened by prayer by the pastor of the worthy host and hostess, Rev. W. V. Grove, of the U. P. Church. Hon. D. Hunter Patterson, who is a pastmaster at the business, performed the duties of toastmaster, and neat little speeches were made by Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, Rev. C. F. Jacobs, Rev. Ed Jackson, Rev. J. L. Grove, Attorney John P. Sipes, and the editor of the NEWS. When this bunch was through with them, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall were very sure that they had performed a mission in life much beyond the privilege of most people, and doubly assured that the guests present really wished that the lives and health of the good couple might be spared twenty-five more years and that they as guests might be on hand to help celebrate their Diamond wedding.

"We judge the past by the present. Of a long and useful life. The records we turn are but recent, For him and his faithful wife Through fifty years of storm and calm. All still friends wish it long Before the marriage of the Lamb" Will call them both to "Come."

Old Fashioned Winter.

We are having one of those winters our grandfathers tell us about. For number of snows, quantity of precipitation, low temperature, and scarcity and high price of fuel—this has 'em all skinned. The winter program was opened on the 25th of October, unusually early for this county, by the falling of a snow ranging from nine inches in the valleys to 14 and 20 inches on the higher grounds.

During the first twenty days of November, there was no precipitation, and the sun got well on with their corn plowing and fall ploughing. From the latter part of November to the present time the temperature has been much below normal, and the ground has been covered with snow most of the time. During the month of December the temperature at McConnellsburg averaged 9 degrees above zero at 6 o'clock in the morning, and 28 at noon. The highest temperature registered during the month was 49, and the lowest 10 below—last Sunday morning.

There has been great loss in the freezing of potatoes and canned fruit stored in cellars, and there is an alarming scarcity of fuel.

Fix--Decooman.

Robert Fix, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fix of near Harrisonville and Miss Josephine Decooman of Kearney, were married at the home of the bride's parents at Kearney, Pa., December 25th, or Christmas day.

Miss Martha Kendall left Monday to resume work as teacher of Latin and History in the High School, at Venice, Pa.

Going to India.

Miss Helen McCain Kendall spent a few days during the past week visiting among her relatives and friends in town and the Cove. Miss Kendall is a native of Ayr township, being a daughter of the late William and Hattie Kendall. A few years ago her heart became deeply impressed with the thought that she should give her life work to the cause of Foreign Missions. Carrying this determination into execution, she completed a course in Bible Missionary Study, graduating from Wooster College, O., 1914. Following this preparation, she took a three years' course in Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses in New York City and graduated from that institution in 1917. She was immediately assigned by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church to India where she will be engaged in hospital work at Miraj, two hundred miles south of Bombay.

Miss Kendall expects to sail from San Francisco on the 23rd of this month on the S. S. Korea Maru, and reach India by the Pacific route.

It was in the northern part of India (Allahabad) that Miss Alice Wishart of Wells Tannery spent several years.

In addition to Miss Wishart and Miss Kendall, just mentioned, Fulton County has to her credit the following missionaries: Mrs. Humphries (Maude Baumgardner, Wells Tannery) in China; Bertha Grove, McConnellsburg, in Egypt; Charlie Pittman, McConnellsburg, in Persia; John H. Reisner, McConnellsburg, in China.

Inspiring Christmas Exercises.

The Union Christmas Services of Whips Cove and Jerusalem Christian Churches was held in the Jerusalem Church on Christmas eve. The pleasant evening brought a nice congregation; but what was still nicer than that, was the rendering of the service. It was truly spiritual throughout, and not a service of the coming of old Santa Claus, as some are, but it was a service of the coming of the CHRIST the KING, and the receiving of him into the heart that makes the life useful. Though the service lasted nearly three hours, yet was the order excellent. All who attended either of the Sunday Schools received a treat, and the most hearty good will prevailed. So complete was the cooperating of the two schools that it was difficult for the pastor to distinguish the one from the other—in fact, they were one—in heart to glorify God in the remembrance of his best gift to men, and this we are satisfied they succeeded in doing, for it was one of grand success. The superintendents and managers are to be commended for their skill and management.

The schools remembered the two superintendents and pastor with a sealed envelope that contained a sum of money, which was received with great appreciation. Everybody seemed to have caught the true Christmas Spirit and we trust that it will last all through the year, and years. May God bless the Sabbath Schools, is the prayer of the pastor.

LEWIS A. DUVALL.

Pneumonia Takes Soldiers.

Deaths from diseases in the national army during the week ending December 21 numbered 118, against 97 the week before, and in the national guard, 122 against 165, as shown in a summary of army health conditions made public last Friday by the war department.

Of the national army deaths, 77 were due to pneumonia and of those in the national guard, 87.

Mabel, little daughter of Roy M. and Elizabeth Nelson Kendall is said to be suffering from a bad attack of pneumonia.

ENEMIES IN THE HOME.

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

The modern method of preparing drugs for family use has its attractions, yet it has been the cause of many deaths, often from the fact that so many drugs are put up in form and color to resemble each other. One may be innocent, and the other deadly poison; as for instance, calomel, an innocent form of mercury, and bichloride of mercury one of the most deadly of poisons.

One of these drugs might be picked up for the other in the dark or even in the day time, if the label was not carefully read by the one seeking to take the medicine. This has resulted in an innocent father killing his child or perhaps his wife, or in some cases, himself.

Another great mistake is to change a drug from one bottle to another without altering the label. It is often done in dividing up the contents of a rare drug with a neighbor. The one receiving the unlabeled bottle depends upon his memory, which often fails him and a fatal mistake results.

A very short time ago I knew of a generous doctor dividing up a rare drug he had with one of his colleagues, intending to label the bottle he kept for himself. He neglected to do so and not long after he wanted to use the drug and picked up what he believed to be the proper bottle, but which proved to contain an agent active in its power to destroy tissue. This he dropped into his eye and only escaped having his eye destroyed by a narrow margin.

Now this is quite a common mistake and people have been made blind by this carelessness. Drugs that are most useful are, as a rule, most dangerous, and should always be kept under lock and key and plainly labeled. At present we are being robbed enough of the members of our families during the war so that we should have no patience with the killing of the innocent at home by simple carelessness, and it is this common everyday practice of confusing drug bottles that I warn you against. It can all be done away with if you will only give it reasonable attention.

In The Good Old Long Ago.

In striking contrast with the present prices of farm products are those of the first week in December forty years ago. Butter was from 30 to 35 cents and eggs were 27 and 28 cents a dozen. These were considered very high prices. Turkeys ran from 12 to 14 cents a pound and chickens were the same prices. Sausage was 12 and 13 cents and scrapple 7 cents a pound. Potatoes sold at from 40 to 50 cents a bushel, while turnips were 25 cents. A dressed hog was worth from 5 to 6 cents a pound and lard was 6 cents. A first class hind quarter of beef was sold at 9 cents a pound and front quarters were 7 cents. Lower qualities were 5 and 6 cents a pound.—Lancaster New Era.

Ohio Visitors.

Our old friend Isaac B. Wolf made the NEWS office a very pleasant call last Friday. He made sale twenty-three years ago last March at his home in Taylor township and went to Ohio where he has since resided. He is conducting a big farm near Bucyrus, right on the Lincoln Highway. He and Mrs. Wolf came to Three Springs last Monday night awake and have since been visiting his brother Scott and sister Mary, both near Gracey and numerous others of his oldtime friends. It had been thirty-two years since he was in McConnellsburg. He was brought to town by his nephew David Strait.