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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

MARTIN L. PECK.

Martin L. Peck died at his home at Pecktonville, Md., Friday evening, April 19, 1918, aged 69 years, 5 months and 27 days. The funeral services conducted by his pastor, Eld. J. W. Smoot, of the Primitive Baptist Church, took place on the following Monday morning and interment was made in the cemetery at the Topoloway Baptist church. The immediate cause of his death was acute Bright's disease, he being confined to his bed but two days.

The deceased was a son of Daniel and Nancy Hart Peck, and he was born in Belfast township, this county, October 23, 1848. Availing himself of the meager advantages offered by the home schools, he fitted himself for teaching and taught successfully for several years in the public schools of this county and in Washington County Md. In February, 1877, he was married to Miss Jennie Mason, near Parkhead, Md., and resided in that community until the time of his death. He is survived by his widow and by one son, Daniel Ralph, and by one daughter, Ruth Virginia, wife of E. G. Bachtel of Chambersburg.

Martin was a busy man. He was engaged in farming, milling, lumbering and contracting. He was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist Church and a useful citizen in his neighborhood.

JOHN W. CREEK.

John W. Creek, formerly of Union township, but more recently a resident of Hagerstown, Friday, April 12, 1918 of stomach trouble, aged about 55 years. The funeral services were held in the Buck Valley M. E. church on the following Monday and interment was made in the cemetery at that church.

Mr. Creek's first wife was Rebecca, daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina Heber Hendershot, and to this union three sons survive, namely, Charles, Johnstown, Pa.; Clem, Baltimore, and Harry, Pittsburgh. His second wife was Ellen the widow of Chalmers Boor and a daughter of the late Ephraim Garland. She survives. Mr. Creek has three sisters and one brother living, namely, Mrs. Shafer Hovermale, Hagerstown; Mrs. Maria Norris, of Cohill and Albert Creek, residing at Sideling Hill.

Mr. Creek was a member of the P. Q. S. of A. who had charge of the funeral services.

RACHEL ANN SKINNER.

Rachel Ann Skinner, died at the home of J. C. Stitt near Dry Run, Pa., April 5th, 1918, aged 74 years, 7 months, and 16 days. Deceased was the widow of the late John A. Skinner, a Civil war veteran who died about 6 years ago. Funeral service at the Stitt home by her pastor, Rev. D. I. Camp on the 7th. Interment at Spring Run cemetery. She was a member of the Upper Path Valley Presbyterian church, was a daughter of William and Nancy Stitt Harper of Neelyton, Pa. Mrs. Skinner first married Thomas Appleby who was among the number who died in Libby Prison during the Civil war, and was a brother of J. D. Appleby, of Shade Gap. Mrs. Skinner was the last of the Harper family, as her brothers and sisters died some years ago. Heart trouble caused her death.

MRS. MARGARET BOLINGER. Mrs. Margaret Bolinger, widow of William Bolinger who died many years ago, passed away at the State Hospital, Harrisburg, Tuesday, April 14, 1918 aged about 70 years. Her body was taken to Orbisonia to the home of her niece Mrs. Howard Appleby, from which home the funeral was held at 2 o'clock Friday.

HUSTON AT McCONNELLSBURG.

Do Not Fail to Hear the Story of One of Our Home Boys Who Has Seen the Trenches.

Mr. Amos Huston of Three Springs, Pa., will speak in the Public School Auditorium in McConnellsburg, on Monday evening April 29th at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Huston has been over in France in the Ambulance Service and tells a most interesting story of his experiences and of what he has seen.

He has been speaking at several places in the County to large audiences. He gives his services free. Every one is cordially invited to come and hear him. There will be no admittance fee.

She was a faithful member of the M. E. church all her life and took an active interest in the work of the Church. She is survived by three sisters—one residing at Shade Gap, one at McConnellsburg, and one in Brockton, Mass.

MRS. MARGARET MARSHALL.

At the age of 78 years, 10 months and 16 days, Mrs. Margaret Marshall passed away at the home of her son Harry Marshall in Todd township on Sunday, April 21, 1918, after a short illness of influenza. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in the cemetery at Bethlehem church.

Mrs. Marshall was a daughter of John and Jane Wilson Sherman, the former having been born in Germany. She was married to George Marshall who died several years ago. To this union the following children were born; Samuel, John, George, Thomas, Harry, Van, Jennie, wife of a Mr. Snyder, near Brownsville; Mary, wife of A. B. Wakefield, Mt. Union, and Tillie, wife of Bert Brant, near McConnellsburg. Van died a few years ago. Mrs. Marshall is survived by two brothers, John and Thomas Sherman, and by one sister, Ann, wife of George W. Mock near Burnt Cabins.

Mrs. Marshall was a woman of remarkable constitution, kindly disposition and a good neighbor.

BARTON.

At the tender age of 1 year, 1 month and 17 days, the only son of Prof. and Mrs. Harper P. Barton of Hustontown was taken by death from the fond parents on the 12th day of April, 1918. The child had whooping cough about a week, when it suddenly became violently ill. Loving parents, faithful nurses and skilled physicians were alike powerless to stay the arch enemy of mankind. Real sympathy for Prof. and Mrs. Barton can come only from those who have passed through a like ordeal.

MRS. ADAM WAGNER.

Mary, wife of Adam Wagner, died at their home in Brush Creek township, Friday, April 12, 1918, aged about 59 years. The cause of her death was tuberculosis.

Funeral services were held at the lower church in Whips Cove on the following Sunday, and interment was made in the cemetery near.

The deceased is survived by her husband and two children—Harry and Lena Letonia, both of Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

MARGARET LYNCH.

Margaret, aged about 12 years, daughter of Victor and Annie Slacker Lynch, died at their home at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., Tuesday night, April 16, 1918 of tuberculosis. The funeral took place on Friday and interment was made in the cemetery at Antioch church on Timber Ridge. The little girl had been in poor health for a long time. She was taken to a hospital in the hope that something might be done to restore her to health, but all to no avail.

"FROM ATLANTA TO THE SEA."

Veteran Who Marched With General Sherman Calls for Congressman Focht's Re-Nomination.

Mr. James J. McMullen, the well known respected citizen and life-long Republican of East Waterford, Juniata County, has authorized the publication of a letter he recently wrote Congressman Focht. Mr. McMullen served in the Civil War as a cavalryman, being a member of the "Simon Cameron Loehel Cavalry", which was the 9th Pa. and Company E. This grand old veteran, who was with General William T. Sherman from "Atlanta to the Sea" has made public the letter as follows:

East Waterford, Pa., April 2, 1918.

HON. BENJAMIN K. FOCHT,

Washington, D. C.

DEAR FRIEND MR. FOCHT:

I have your letter and the statement regarding the pension claim which you are giving your characteristic careful attention. I know you will work this out for us as you have thousands of others for the soldiers and soldiers' widows.

The United States is just now passing through a frightful crisis and such as never before and which we hope will never occur again. I am confident the voters of the county will recognize the importance of retaining present members of Congress who have done things so well in our great trial. This is no time to fool with factional or personal politics. It is legislation and experienced work for the people we now need, and it surely can be better enacted by men whose minds have been trained in this work. I hope that your experience will be amply recognized, and that you may be retained in Congress until this war is over and the country restored to peace and prosperity. I would like to see the voters of the 17th District renominate you by acclamation, for your constituents want you for your dependable and intelligent work for all the people. This work you have done most diligently and without discrimination as to rich, poor, high or low.

Closing with thanks for the kindness you have always shown me, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

JAMES J. McMULLEN.

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To Place Signs.

The Chambersburg Motor Club has taken final action on the signs to be placed at each end of the Lincoln Highway on the Fulton and Adams county lines. The signs will be 8 by 24 feet, and will inform the tourist that he is within the Cumberland Valley. The signs will be placed within the next ten days. The letters will be red and blue with a white background. The signs will be inscribed as follows:

Entrance to the CUMBERLAND VALLEY 18 miles to Chambersburg Population 15,000 The Most Attractive City in the Valley. Erected by Chamber of Commerce and Motor Club.

Must Sign Name.

We have received from "some one" at Clear Ridge a communication for publication in this week's News in which the sender says the fellow who wrote the items from Clear Ridge last week "is another;" that, instead of Clear Ridge being a peaceful little village, the people up there use swear words, say naughty things, play cards on Sunday, and tell lies on the Sunday school superintendent. But as the writer's name did not accompany the article, we cannot publish it. Of course, we did not want the name of the writer for publication, but we must have it for our own protection.

For State Senator.

(Thirty-sixth District)



JOHN S. MILLER, of Somerset, Pa.

John S. Miller was born on a farm in Jenner Township, Somerset County, Pa.; received his early education on the farm and district school; taught school several terms; was graduated from Washington & Jefferson College in 1901; admitted to practice of law in 1904; elected District Attorney in 1907, as the nominee of the Republican party, for one term, 1908-1912, and has since combined farming with practice of law.

Mr. Miller is actively identified with the agricultural interests of Somerset County, being a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and organizer and secretary of the County Farm Bureau. He is active in community and church work and all moral uplift and welfare movements of his town and county.

Being earnestly opposed to the liquor traffic he has for some years past acted as counsel for restraints against liquor licenses and been diligent in the fostering of anti saloon and prohibition sentiment.

Mr. Miller has always been a Republican in politics and has the endorsement of the Dry Federation, Anti Saloon League, Prohibition Party, Interdenominational Sunday School Association, Adult Organized Bible Classes, W. C. T. U., and other temperance and uplift organizations of Somerset County, for State Senator on the tickets of the several political parties.

He respectfully solicits the support of the Dry voters of all political affiliations at the Primary election, on Tuesday, May 21, pledging himself, if elected to the Senate to vote for the ratification by the Pennsylvania Legislature of the National Prohibition amendment and all other temperance legislation that may come before the Senate while he is a member.

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Paxton—Finiff.

At the First United Brethren parsonage in Chambersburg, Rev. Dr. L. Walter Lutz united in marriage Bruce H. Paxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Paxton and Miss Margaret E. Finiff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas I. Finiff—all of Chambersburg. Both are well-known young people of that town. Miss Charlotte Finiff, sister of the bride, and Miss Ethel Paxton, sister of the groom, accompanied the couple and witnessed the ceremony. They will reside in Chambersburg.

Mellott—Truax.

At the home of the bride's parents Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Truax, near Pleasant Ridge on Wednesday, April 17, 1918, Miss Jessie Margaret Truax was married to Mr. Rowe Chester Mellott, sons of the late Miles and Rachel Schooley Mellott. The bride and groom are well known young people and have the best wishes of their many friends.

Esther Agnes is the name of a fine little daughter recently added to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanner E. Ray in McConnellsburg.

"DRY" BUT VOTED WITH "WETS."

"Dry" Voters Put Wise to the Record of Senator James W. Endsley.

The following special dispatch to the Philadelphia North American frankly gives the "wet" and "dry" records of certain gentlemen from Somerset County seeking re-election to the Legislature.

Somerset, Pa., April 13.—State Senator James W. Endsley, one of the more feeble Penrose members of the upper branch of the Legislature, is trying for renomination in the Somerset-Bedford-Fulton district, after all, failing to live up to reports that he would drop out to avoid defeat.

Altho he voted with the "wets" in the only division of the Senate on the liquor question last session, Endsley advertises that "I renew the pledge made when I was a candidate for the first time several years ago, and which I consistently kept through-out my legislative career: To support temperance legislation and to vote for the ratification of the prohibition amendment to the constitution of the United States."

The test on the liquor and anti-liquor attitude of state senators occurred on June 27, when a motion to suspend the rules in order to give immediate consideration to a resolution urging Congress to enact the food control bill then pending, which included an anti-liquor section, was voted down, 26 to 16. The regular defenders in the Senate, like Crow, McNichol, Beidleman and Salus, were quick to recognize the resolution as antagonistic to the grain-consuming booze trade, and Endsley voted with them to prevent its consideration at the time chosen by its supporters, as page 4312 of the Senate Journal sets forth.

Having obtained a black and white record of the 26 to 16 roll call, the "dry" senators, knowing their resolution could not be passed, because of liquor domination in the Senate, did not call it up for consideration the following day, when it would have been in order under the rules. By this course they deprived any senators who wanted to flop harmlessly to the "dry" side in an effort to square themselves with constituents, of the opportunity to do so.

The Dry Federation of Somerset county is supporting John S. Miller for the Republican senatorial nomination against Endsley, aiming to elect a man who will not vote with the "wets" under any circumstances. The federation's candidates for the House are John P. Statler, and Paul D. Clutton.

Representative Robert W. Lohr, who voted with the Penrose element last session to make Dick Baldwin, choice of the "wets," speaker of the House, and then stood with the temperance forces on legislative measures, is asking renomination. His colleague in the House, Morris W. Speicher, a Penrose liquor member all the way thru, also wants another term.—Advertisement.

Fagley—Hess.

Mr. John Fagley and Miss Ada Hess, both of Licking Creek township were married in Chambersburg on Wednesday of last week. The groom is an enterprising farmer and lumberman and the bride a popular young lady. Mr. and Mrs. Fagley have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Claybaugh—Strait.

At the Lutheran parsonage, McConnellsburg on Thursday, April 18, 1918, the pastor, Rev. C. F. Jacobs, united in marriage Mrs. Mary Strait, of Saluvia and James F. Claybaugh of Everett. Mr. and Mrs. Claybaugh will reside in Everett.

He is a Fulton County Boy.

The Republic Item, published in Chicago, has this to say of George A. Wishart, son of the late Hon. S. P. Wishart of Wells Tannery:

"The American Sales Book Company has what they call the Amsaboco Trophy, presented by the president of the company, and ultimately to be given to their best salesman.

Their method of determining who is best seems a decidedly fair one. Each salesman is given a quota, based on past sales records, and territorial possibilities, etc. At the end of three months the name of the man who has furthest passed his quota is engraved on the cup. And when one one's name has appeared three times the cup will come into his permanent possession.

"At the end of the last three months' period Mr. George A. Wishart, of the Chicago office, had a percentage of 211 per cent, or 111 per cent higher than his quota, and the highest percentage for the quarter, so he is the present owner of the cup.

"The Chicago office of the American Sales Book Company is in Room 1307 of The Republic, with Mr. F. S. Graham manager and Mr. Wishart associate manager. Both men have been with the company for a good many years. Mr. Wishart was with the old American Sales Book Company 12 years before its consolidation with the Carter-Crum Company in 1911. He was district manager of ten states until two years ago, when he was transferred to Chicago city territory."

A Long War Ahead.

Washington, April 21—Some of the more influential members of the house committee on military affairs have become convinced that the United States must be prepared to carry on the war for from three to seven years longer.

They realize that this is not a very cheerful outlook, but feel it would be worse than unwise to paint the situation in any but its true colors. The congressmen will take this message home to the people when they return to their constituencies after the adjournment of the house and senate some time during the summer.

It is not the sort of news they would like to convey, but they are convinced America's chances of winning the war will show a sudden leap upward from the moment that the hope of peace is discarded in favor of the reality that the United States is in for a long, hard war.

Hohman—McQuade.

Mr. Ralph Wilson Hohman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Hohman, and Miss Hazel Catherine McQuade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. McQuade—all of Ayr township—were married Wednesday evening, April 24, 1918 at the parsonage of the United Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. Wilson V. Grove. After the ceremony the happy couple left on a honeymoon trip.

Both bride and groom are fine young people start out in married life with the best wishes of many friends.

Raymond T. Eichelberger, youngest son of Landlord and Mrs. Thomas Eichelberger of the Union Hotel, Everett, Pa., is now a full fledged man-bird, having received a commission as Lieutenant and assigned to pursuit work in the aviation service, which is quite an honor for the young man. He is in class A and will be sent to Lake Charles, La., where he will do scout and pursuit work entirely.

Mr. Wm. E. Ott of Back Run, spent Wednesday in Chambersburg, and was accompanied home by his daughter Mary who had spent the past two weeks in the Chambersburg hospital.

TRACTORS NOW AT WORK.

Lieutenant Governor McClain Tells of Progress Made on Farms in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, April 17—Frank B. McClain, Lieutenant Governor, who among his other numerous war activities is Chairman of the State Tractor Service Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission of Safety and Defense, announced today that the work of placing tractors was progressing satisfactorily in spite of the delays in shipment of machines, caused by railroad conditions.

Mr. McClain said that the greater numbers of requests for tractors had been received from the farming counties of South Eastern Pennsylvania, which counties have been hardest hit in the matter of farm labor by the drain from factories and ship-building plants.

Tractors are now in seventeen counties out of the total of sixty-seven in Pennsylvania. They are as follows:

Lehigh, Columbia, Butler, Bradford, Crawford, Blair, Delaware, Bucks, Potter, Montgomery, Erie, Lawrence, Washington, Mercer, Tioga, Venango and Huntingdon.

One tractor will do in a day about four times as much work as a man, a team and a plough. The tractors will be worked 14 or 16 hours a day with double shifts, one operator working 7 or 8 hours, and being relieved by another who will take a similar tour of duty. It is estimated that a man and a team can plough about three acres per day, whereas a tractor can plough twelve.

About a score of machines are now at work and others will be on the job in the course of a few days.

Utilizing Old Grass Land.

The present is an admirable opportunity to make good use of the old worn-out, hide-bound mowings or meadows. As a rule, old grass land is the most unprofitable part of an average eastern farm. Unless they are regularly top-dressed they do not yield enough grass to pay their way on the farm. As a rule, the old mowings are workable. They were tilled in the old days, and there is no reason why they may not be tilled now. Though they are stony we have steel tools adapted to working rough land. The principal drawback to these old grass fields is low fertility. From time immemorial they have been cropped to death. However, the present is a good time to start to reclaim them. A small amount of plant food accompanied by thorough preparation of the seed bed will result in fair crops of certain kinds of grain.

The old neglected mowings should be utilized this year and made to produce something more profitable than scant, weedy hay. The present is a splendid opportunity to break them up and utilize them for the growing of cereals, either corn, oats, buckwheat or wheat. When conditions are as they now are eastern farmers can afford to grow something in addition to hay and ensilage corn.—New England Farms.

Two Years More.

In an address before the New York legislature in joint session up in Albany last week, ex-President Taft said the United States must put an army of from five to seven millions of men fully equipped on the western front to win the war. It will require two years to do this, and probably another year to smash German militarism.

Mr. Joseph Sipes of Licking Creek township, came to town last Thursday and spent the night in the home of his old neighbors Judge Wesley Hoop and daughter Miss Sallie.