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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

MRS. JACOB STRAIT.

Sarah Belle, wife of Veteran Jacob Strait, died at the home of her son David, Friday evening, May 3, 1918, after an illness covering a period of about two years. The funeral services conducted by Rev. E. J. Croft were held on the following Sunday morning at Asbury M. E. church, and interment was made in the cemetery at that church.

Mrs. Strait was a daughter of David and Ann Rebecca Brothers, and she was born March 28, 1847. On the 29th of October, 1866, she was married to Jacob Strait. To this union were born ten children, four of whom are living, namely, Emma, wife of Robert W. Mellett, near Big Cove Tannery; David, near Laidig; Samuel, at Saluvia, and Margaret, near Neelyton, Huntingdon County. The cause of her death was general debility. She had been partially blind for some time.

Mrs. Strait was a consistent member of the M. E. church for many years, a fond mother and a good neighbor.

JOSEPH PLESSINGER.

At the age of 91 years, 1 month and 23 days, Joseph Plessinger died at Arborville, Neb., April 13, 1918. Mr. Plessinger was born in Whips Cove. He was married to Jane McDaniel of Clearville, Bedford County, December 10, 1857. In 1884 they removed to Nebraska, where they lived until the death of Mrs. Plessinger in 1906. Since that time he made his home with his children. During the last two years of his life he was afflicted with gangrene and suffered greatly. He is survived by nine children, all of whom live in the West.

The McConnellsburg Normal.

The Summer Normal in charge of Professors Admiral Smith and Lewis Harris opened Monday afternoon with a very encouraging attendance, and there will be more enrolled as the term advances. The names of those enrolled up to Tuesday evening are: Florence Bain, Rheue Barment, Helen G. Bender, Guy E. Beatty, Janet Brakaall, Mary Brakaall, Stanley G. Clingerman, Arthur M. Clingerman, Ruth Colledge, Lester Croft, Hazel Cline, La Verne Charlton, Ruth Fox, Hulda Foreman, Russel Fix, Luna Gress, Rhoda Garland, Catherine W. Glenn, Josephine Gordon, Emma Gelvin, Pearl Hess, Jemima Hann, Ruth Harris, Russell Hill, Mary J. Kirk, Orpha Knable, Elias Lynch, Florence McQuade, Garthwaite Mellott, Jessie Mellott, Cora M. Nesbitt, Delphine Northeraft, Frank G. Pittman, Charlie Peck, Howard Peck, James Richards, Ralph Spade, Helen Steach, Anna Mary Sipes, Elizabeth Sipes, Flossie Sharpe and Wreatha W. Winters.

Taken to Hospital.

After intense suffering, H. Wishart Decker of this place was taken to the Chambersburg hospital on Thursday evening of last week, and underwent a surgical operation for appendicitis, which seems to have been entirely successful, and the patient is rapidly recovering, much to the gratification of his family and friends.

Webster D. Mellott, son of Hon. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mellott writes that he is now "somewhere" in France. He enjoyed the voyage across the Atlantic and is having the time of his life. His friends who may like to write him, should address:

Webster D. Mellott, Co. B, 30th Infantry, A. E. F.

James A. Benson brought two fine horses to town Monday which he had sold to John Nesbit.

The May Meeting.

The annual Meeting of the Sideling Hill branch of the Primitive Baptists was held at Fairview church at Needmore last Sunday. This, in itself, usually draws a big crowd, but last Sunday was the closing day of Evangelist Beard's ten-days' series of meetings in that village, and, in consequence, Needmore saw the biggest crowd of visitors in its history.

Two sermons were preached in the Baptist church beginning at 10:30, and two in the afternoon, beginning at 2:30. At the same hours, Evangelist Beard was conducting his meetings in the Methodist church, and both churches were filled to overflowing, and many, many persons obliged to remain outside during the services.

The two sermons in the Baptist church were delivered by Elders Fenton and Lefferts, and in the Methodist church, Mr. Beard was assisted by W. C. Peck, who had charge of the music, and by Revs. Jacob Powers and John Mellott with an earnest prayer by our old friend Michael Branch.

The Tonoloway branch of the Baptist church will hold their annual May Meeting at Tonoloway church on the third Sunday in May.

Thursday evening, May 9th, Rev. Beard begins a series of Evangelistic meetings at Cedar Grove, and on the 22nd, begins a series at Mayes Chapel.

Rev. Beard is an ex-member of the West Virginia legislature and a wiry, fiery athlete on the gospel platform. Like Billy Sunday, Sam Jones and dozens of others of his profession, he does not mine words, but rips off the clothing from the back of the make-believe respectables of society and shows them up to the public in the true light of their despicable character.

Forty Years Ago.

George Hann and son Willie called at the NEWS office a few minutes while in town last Saturday. George owns and lives on the old Kirk farm at the foot of the hill south of Hustontown. While out plowing for corn last week he met a tortoise that had a kind of friendly look on his face, and Mr. Hann picked him up and found the initials "E. H. K. May, 1, 1878" inscribed on the shell. Mr. Hann found this tortoise in the same field about three years ago. While it is now forty years since Elliott H. Kirk engraved his initials on the floorboards of that reptile's house, the "tortle" looks as though he might be rooting around in that field for years to come.

Somewhere in France.

The many friends of Stanley Quay Mellott will be glad to hear that he is now safe "Somewhere in France." This is his address: Stanley Quay Mellott, Camp Lee (Feb.) Repl. Draft, Det. No. 2, A. E. F.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Robert W. Mellott, he says he is enjoying the experience very much; had a very pleasant trip across the Atlantic, and is stationed in a very pretty place.

Young Taxidermist.

While at the home of ex-County Treasurer and Mrs. S. A. Hess a few days ago, we were shown some fine specimens of work in taxidermy done by their son Blair. The specimens consisted of a fine large horned owl, a big hawk, an ordinary barn owl, and a sparrow. While Blair is only in his middle teens, he is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Neb.

Jacob H. Comerer has resigned his position at Brewer and Meyers' clothing store in Hagerstown to accept a position in the clothing department of E. Yerley's Department store in the same city.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Class of 1918 Composed of Eleven Members. Interesting Exercises in Auditorium Last Thursday Evening.

"Not at the Top, but Climbing" is the motto of the Class of 1918, the nineteenth class to graduate from the McConnellsburg High School, and the formal exercises, held in the Auditorium last Thursday evening were witnessed and greatly enjoyed by a large audience composed of the parents and other friends of the graduates.

The class numbered eleven, and it was composed of the following young people: Donald Nace, George E. Tittle, Helen Bender, Helen Washabaugh, Mary Kirk, Rose Daniels, Helen Steach, Minerva Pittman, Beulah Johnston, Louise Nelson, and Nettie Mellott.

As they made their appearance on the platform wearing the Oxford Cap and Gown, this class being the first in the school to use this regalia, they made a very impressive and dignified appearance.

The scenic effect of the stage was very artistically arranged, representing an outdoor scene, with lawn settees, rustic seats, and stands of wicker. In the background, hung the trinity flags—Old Glory, Red Cross and Service—the last named representing, thirty-five brave boys who have been called to the colors, and one girl, Miss Irene Truax a trained nurse who enjoys the honor and distinction of being the only regularly enlisted woman in the U. S. service from our county. Miss Truax is now located at Cape May, awaiting orders to sail for "some where" in France.

We feel that the young people of this class should have more than a general mention for the place of each was filled most ably, and they will doubtless be an inspiration to the graduating classes of the future.

Mary Kirk was the one chosen to deliver the Salutatory and it was a wise choice. Miss Kirk is a forceful little speaker and handled her subject well. Helen Steach gave the Class Oration, entitled, "Our School Work a Preparation for Our Life Work," and no one doubted that she was laying a good foundation for her life work. George Tittle, the Vice President of the class, gave the Class History, and in a well prepared paper referred to many little outings and social events that gave color to the monotony of school days. The musical part of the program was well rendered, and enjoyed by all. Nettie Mellott recited the Class Poem which was very clever and showed much originality. To Helen Bender, impersonating the Gipsy, was given the pleasant task of lifting the veil of the future, and with her prophetic eye revealed what the coming years would bring to each of her class. Farmerettes, Suffragists, Nurses, College men and women, Doctors, and Pharmacists—all passed before her vision. Beulah Johnston and Helen Washabaugh, in a graceful manner, made the Presentation, giving to each one, not excepting their teachers, a little gift. Many of them called forth the laughter of the audience—one, in particular, being a live hen in a cage, representing the part Biddy is playing in helping "win the war."

A reading by Louise Nelson "The Soul of the Violin," was full of pathos and the reader did herself credit. Minerva Pittman was the one selected to "will and bequeath" the earthly possessions of each member of the class, which was evidently satisfactory to all concerned as none of the heirs has contested the will so far as heard from.

The Class President, Donald Nace, in a dignified and manly way, gave the Mantle Oration—bestowing the Mantle on Helen Daniels, a member of the class

War Savings Stamps.

At no time during the present generation has there been so many, and such attractive, chances to "make money," as just now; and the fellow that lets these opportunities slip, may have to wait a long time before they come again. Outside of the fact that it is a patriotic duty to do this than in buying War Savings Stamps. During this month you give Uncle Sam four dollars and sixteen cents, and four years from the first day of next January, your Uncle will hand you a brand new five dollar bill. What's the matter with a deal like that?

That the people of Fulton County are onto the job, is shown by the following statement which gives the maturity value of the Stamps sold at the post offices in this county up to and including May 4th, a sum totaling more than \$25,000.00. Those post offices in the County that are not listed, have not warmed up to the occasion. The printing of this list will be repeated. Watch it grow.

Amaranth	\$ 200.00
Akersville	100.00
Andover	10.00
Big Cove Tannery	155.00
Buck Valley	200.00
Burnt Cabins	20.00
Cito	25.00
Clear Ridge	1,025.00
Crystal Springs	90.00
Dott	1,270.00
Emmaville	200.00
Enid	510.00
Fort Littleton	1,015.00
Harrisonville	235.00
Hiram	1,360.00
Hustontown	3,995.00
Knobsville	190.00
Laidig	535.00
Lashley	30.00
Locust Grove	75.00
McConnellsburg	7,495.00
Needmore	140.00
New Grenada	585.00
Pleasant Ridge	35.00
Saluvia	35.00
Sipes Mill	200.00
Warforburg	190.00
Waterfall	355.00
Webster Mills	4,045.00
Wells Tannery	770.00

Miss Jane Unger, of Ayr township, has been quite poorly for some time.

of 1919. Rose Daniels was the Valedictorian, and as she stood before her Audience and gave her address in a clear, sweet, well modulated tone, she was a fine specimen of young womanhood.

The diplomas were conferred by Rev. J. L. Grove, and the address to the graduates was made by Rev. G. A. McAlister pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Chambersburg. Rev. McAlister's address was of a patriotic nature, and the speaker who was a passenger on the ill fated Arabic when it went down, is well fitted to arouse patriotic sentiment.

The class of 1918 are launching their bark at a time when their country needs its best trained minds, and they will have the heaviest responsibilities and the greatest opportunities that have ever come to any generation of men and women, and "lest they forget," it is well to remind them what they owe to their efficient, self-sacrificing teachers, Prof. Admiral Smith and his Assistant, Miss Sophia Honman, who have tried to hold before them the highest ideals.

The one regret we most express is the fact that these young people will go out from our midst enriching other localities, leaving us the poorer.

One more thought before bidding the class of 1918 "Bon Voyage." Look to your laurels, boys of McConnellsburg—or the women of the country will be the educated class. Nine out of eleven is a fine showing in favor of the girls. M. S. S.

"THE NEW MINISTER."

Rev. Lowe and Family Arrived Last Week and Are Now "At Home" in the Reformed Parsonage.

In carrying out the doctrine of conservation, the Presbyterian and Reformed congregations of McConnellsburg employed a preacher in partnership, and for four years, Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, served these congregations most satisfactorily. About four months ago, Mr. Yearick was called to another field, and Mr. William J. Lowe, of Lancaster county accepted a call to this work, and is now on the ground.

The following clipped from the Lancaster Intelligencer of last week will serve as an introduction to the "new minister."

"Rev. William J. Lowe, who on Sunday preached his farewell sermon to a large audience in the Maytown church, was called to this pastorate in October, 1913, when a senior at the Reformed Theological Seminary at this city. He graduated from the Seminary in 1914, and in June of that year was ordained and installed at the Maytown church. Mr. Lowe has proved himself to be an efficient and energetic pastor, and during his pastorate of less than five years the church has prospered in many ways.

"Mr. Lowe and his family will leave shortly for McConnellsburg, the county seat of Fulton county where he has accepted the pastorate of the Federated Reformed and Presbyterian churches on the recommendation of Rev. Prof. John C. Bowman, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster; Rev. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., pastor of the Reformed church of Chambersburg, and Rev. Dr. Rose, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mercersburg. Rev. Lowe received a unanimous call from these congregations which after some consideration he accepted. The new field is a very promising one and offers many opportunities for service.

"The service on Sunday morning was largely attended by members of the various Maytown churches and Rev. M. C. Manning, the Church of God pastor, assisted in the service. The text of the farewell sermon was "Let your love be perfectly sincere, regard with horror all evil, cleave to that which is good." Romans 12:9.

"Following the sermon, Hiram Risser, an elder of the consistory read the following:

"Whereas, a committee was appointed by the consistory to draw up resolutions relative to the resignation of our pastor, Rev. William J. Lowe, we beg to submit the following:

"First, That we express our appreciation of his services in the pulpit and the faithful discharge of the duties of his sacred office.

"Secondly, That we record our appreciation of the numerous opportunities afforded us to hear other able men and the many festive services arranged by our pastor fruitful in inspiring incentives to increased activity in congregational work.

"Thirdly, That we give expression to our gratitude for the numerous improvements, made under the leadership of our pastor, in the church edifice, church yard and parsonage.

"Fourthly, That we feel confident that the community unites with the congregation in the feeling of reluctance on account of the severance of ties with one who was a leader in the promotion of all civic interests.

"Fifthly, While regretting the dissolution of the pastoral relation, we heartily commend him to the charge which he is about to enter, and pray that the blessing of the Great Head of the church may rest upon him and his family and enable him to be a fruitful worker in that portion of His Kingdom. GEORGE S. ENDSLOW, C. C. HICKS, RICHARD ALBRIGHT.

"A farewell social was held for Rev. Lowe and family on Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the church and was attended by members and friends of the three Maytown churches.

Special Red Cross Drive.

To the Citizens of Fulton County: The American Red Cross Association is asking for a contribution of one hundred million dollars for 1918 to enable them to carry on the great work of caring for our sick and wounded soldiers in the hospital—both at home and over in France, and wherever the services of trained nurses are needed. A great part of their work is the caring for the women and children of Belgium, Northern France and Italy, who have been driven from their homes and are now refugees in Southern France.

This is a national organization—President Wilson is President of this association, and its funds are controlled by a War Council appointed by the President; hence all the money contributed, goes directly to this War Relief Fund.

Fulton County's Quota is \$10,000.00. The Campaign Committee appointed to raise this sum will make a thorough canvass of the County, and will give every one an opportunity to give what they can.

Fulton County is sending its quota of men to the training Camps—a number of our young men having volunteered. Some are in the army; some in the navy, and some, in the aviation service. A number of our boys are already in France.

We appeal to you, men and women of Fulton County, to support this Red Cross work to the limit of your ability.

Thousands of Red Cross nurses are helping to care for our boys in the hospitals and in the canteen service. Wherever help is needed, they are ready to respond. They are saving the lives of thousands of women and children.

How many of Fulton County's prosperous farmers and business men will give \$100.00? How many 50.00? How many 25.00? How many 10.00? How many 5.00?

Every one can give something, and should consider it a privilege to give what they can.

The citizens of Fulton County have always done their duty in every emergency. We know you will respond to this appeal.

While we are living in comfort and safety, our boys over in France are risking their lives in order to protect us and our property from Germany's demands should he gain the victory. Now is the time to show our boys that we at home are standing back of them, and that we are glad to do all that we can to make them as comfortable as possible. During the week beginning May 20th, Solicitors will call on you to receive your contribution to the War Relief Fund.

By order of the Campaign Committee. D. H. PATTERSON, Chairman.

Half Had Never Been Told

Dr. Clarence N. Trout, Red Lion, Pa., returned home last Wednesday after having spent a few days in the home of his mother Mrs. M. B. Trout in this place. The Doctor had read in the NEWS about the rush of automobile traffic on the Lincoln Highway, but when he "beheld with his own eyes" the almost constant stream of army trains, and commercial trucks and cars, he felt that the half had never been told.

Gone to Hancock.

Albert C. Garland, who for six years has been principal of the schools at Lemasters, Franklin County, has been elected assistant cashier of the First National Bank, of Hancock, Md., and has removed his family to that town and entered upon his new work. Albert is a native of this county, being a son of John A. Garland and a grandson of the late ex-Sheriff John Hill. He graduated from the Cumberland Valley State Normal in 1912.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS.

Shows Labor Situation Good in Fulton as Compared With Other Counties in the State.

A study of the completed agricultural census for this county, taken through the schools and compiled in the office of Superintendent of Schools J. Emery Thomas, shows that the farmers have mainly responded to the call of the Government for increased acreages of foodstuffs. There is also a marked increase in the live stock on hand now as compared to a year ago. The labor situation is good as compared with other counties: The farmers report the need of 56 laborers for the whole summer and 54 for shorter periods. In this total is included 30 for shorter periods and 10 for the entire summer asked by an orchard company in the lower end of the county.

A summary of the report follows: Schedules Obtained—890 out of a total 903, thirteen refusing to give the information.

Reporting need of additional labor—For entire summer, 56; for shorter periods, 54.

No. of sons of farmers or hired men who have left the farm for other than farm labor within the last two years—Enlisted, 25; Drafted, 110; Other employment, 58.

No. of acres not harvested last year account shortage of labor—Corn, 104; Wheat, 13.

On hand now. One year ago. Dairy cows, 2416 2334 Bulls 401 282 Beef cows 126 166 Steers 814 659 Work horses and mules 2236 1897 Rams 100 67 Breed'g ewes 1993 1441 Boars 142 120 Brood sows 763 688 Pigs 3873 3636

Corn—1917 crop: acres planted, 8342; acres harvested, 6106; bushels harvested, 395,056. 1918 crop: acres planted or to be planted, 8788. Oats—1917 crop: acres planted 1945; acres harvested, 1913; bushels harvested, 43,442. 1918 crop: acres planted or to be planted, 2296. Wheat—1917 crop: acres planted, 12,577; acres harvested, 12,577; bushels harvested, 148,994. 1918 crop: acres planted or to be planted, 12,369. Buckwheat—1917 crop: acres planted, 2240; acres harvested, 2240; bushels harvested, 28,607. 1918 crop: acres planted or to be planted, 2197. Rye—1917 crop: acres planted, 1443; acres harvested, 1443; bushels harvested, 13,041. 1918 crop: acres planted or to be planted, 1638. Apples—Trees, 1 to 8 years, 34,061. Over 8 years, 38,701. Peaches—Trees, 1 to 4 years, 7,883. Over 4 years, 19,241.

Painful Accident.

Claire Heckman, of Wells Tannery, met with a painful accident a few days ago. While splitting pit posts, a spawl flew from the iron wedge and imbedded itself in one of his arms causing a serious wound.

Dr. Campbell being consulted, advised that Mr. Heckman go at once to the hospital at Roaring Spring. Upon reaching that institution the piece of steel was located by means of an x-ray, and later removed, leaving Claire with a very sore arm.

This little experience may prove useful when Claire gets over into France and tries to stop a handful of bullets from a German machine gun.

Mrs. Harry Hamil, son Ross, and daughter Caroline, accompanied by one of Mrs. Hamil's lady friends, motored over the mountain from Chambersburg last Friday morning and spent the day in McConnellsburg.