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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

MRS. CARSON BATT.

Sarah Frances, wife of Mr. Carson Batt, died at their home near Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday, September 18, 1918, of heart failure, aged 58 years, 10 months, and 22 days. The funeral took place from her late home at 2 o'clock, last Friday afternoon and interment was made in the cemetery at Mellingers church, near her home.

The deceased was a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Covalt, of Thompson township, and she was united in marriage to Carson Batt, of the same township in 1894. She and family had lived in Lancaster county about eighteen months. Before that time they had resided in Johnstown. Mrs. Batt was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and a good woman. Besides her husband she is survived by the following sons and daughters: Sylvia, wife of Amos Mellott, Johnstown; Walter C., Nellie F., Russell G., and Rosalie—all at home. One brother B. Frank Covalt, resides at Johnstown and one sister, Amanda, wife of George W. Humbert, lives near Big Cove Tannery.

EMMANUEL H. SIPES.

Emmanuel H. Sipes an aged and highly esteemed citizen of Taylor township, died at the home of his son George, on Saturday evening, September 21, 1918, aged 82 years, after a protracted illness resulting from chronic pulmonary tuberculosis. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Hugh Strains, of the M. E. Church assisted by Rev. Eminhizer, of the U. B. Church, and interment was made in the cemetery at Hustontown. The deceased was a member of one of the old families in this county and was a good citizen. He was married to Miss Jane Vallance who died about seven years ago. The following children survive: A. Clifton Sipes, Petersburg, Pa.; George N., Hustontown; John, Beaver Falls; Alice, wife of Thomas K. Reeder; Etta wife of John Gladfelter, and Minnie, wife of I. B. Bowman, Harrisburg. Also, by three brothers: Amos, at Colfax, Huntingdon County; George W., at Hustontown, and Lewis, near Locust Grove.

A Party.

A number of young folks gathered at Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Horton's at Wells Tannery last Wednesday evening. Although, it was rainy they enjoyed themselves by playing games and by having music, after which refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Horton, Mrs. Amanda Warsing, Mrs. Russell Willett and children, Emilie, Irene, Rankin and Clifford; Mrs. Laurence Guillard and daughter Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cornelius, Ruby Warsing, Althea, Gertrude and Marie Guillard, Goldie Bivens, Dewey Sprowl, Edna Watkins, Nannie Stunkard, Amy and Stella Horton, Laura Earley, Freda, Kate, Hazel and Iva Horton, Harry Burkett Ellis Sprowl, Julius Mowan, Vern Chaney, Marshall Hays, Joe Cornelius, John Roudabash, William Stunkard, Edwin Pookbimer, Geo. Earley, Robert Horton.

Army Training Corps at Shippensburg Normal.

Plans are under way with the War Department to the establishment of a Students' Army Training Corps at the Shippensburg State Normal school open to young men between the ages of 18 and 21 who have had at least a grammar school education. As the number of young men that can be accommodated in this corps is limited all who are interested should apply at once for admission.

IMPORTANT NOTICE U. S. ORDER ON NEWSPAPER PAYMENTS

The United States war industries board, through the pulp and paper section, has made this ruling:

"Discontinue sending papers after date of expiration of subscription unless the subscription is renewed and paid for. (This ruling to be effective October 1, 1918)."

This will effect every FULTON COUNTY NEWS subscriber. It means that every subscriber must keep paid up to date. Beginning October 1 all subscriptions must be paid to date, or in advance. Consult the label of your paper. If it shows you are in arrears, arrange to pay this arrearage before October 1st, and to pay in advance, for as long a period as you desire.

This is a ruling of the United States Government and it must be complied with by every newspaper in the country. The publishers are obliged to enforce it and any violation of the order means a discontinuance through the mails of the newspaper that disregards it. We are therefore compelled to ask every subscriber to pay up all arrearages to October 1st and as far ahead as suits, and thereafter keep paid up, or the paper will have to be discontinued.

Applebutter Sugar.

The Food Administrator wants as far as sugar is available, to furnish all the sugar necessary for the making of applebutter, and for doing any other canning and home preserving. We want this sugar to be as fairly and as equitably distributed as it is possible to do so. We are getting along on two pounds per person now for general consumption and no one is suffering. There is no reason why we cannot cut down on the amount of sugar used in making applebutter. Many a kettle of as good applebutter as was ever made, was made right in Fulton County without a pound of sugar in it. Sugar in applebutter in this county is a comparatively recent thing. It will be no great hardship to get back to the good old way, or at least cut down on the amount of sugar used.

Unfortunately some of the people think that they should be allowed all the sugar they can use. When asked if they could not reduce the amount of sugar necessary for a kettle of applebutter by boiling the butter just a little longer, they answer, NO!! This is surely not showing the patriotic spirit. Fortunately there are but few of that class of people in Fulton County. Those that are here should either have to go to France or send their sons. They would then, perhaps, have more interest in trying to do their bit towards winning the war.

JOHN R. JACKSON,
County Food Administrator.

Clarke—Lyle.

Miss Frances Pauline Lyle, of St. Louis, was married in St. Genevieve, Mo., on the evening of September 12th to Mr. A. Preston Clark, a direct descendant of the Beauvia family, among the early French settlers of Missouri.

Miss Lyle is a grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Fraker, of Fort Littleton, with whom she made her home until their demise. She is a sister of Mrs. Herbert Lee McKibbin, of this place, and has many friends here. She has made her home in the Western city for several years.

Mr. Clark is identified with steamship navigation, is associated in business enterprises, and prominent in social affairs of St. Genevieve, where he and his bride will reside.

Mrs. Ida Wheatley, of Federalburg, Md., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lake, Needmore, R. R. 2. She and her mother were pleasant callers at the NEWS office last Thursday.

Sugar Prices.

We wish to call the attention of the merchants of the County to the fact that they are limited to one cent per pound profit over the delivered cost to them of all sugar. All sugar on hands that was purchased at the old price merchants must sell, at the old retail price.

All sugar sales for household purposes are now made on a basis of one-half pound per person per week. For example: A family of three is allowed to purchase one and one-half pounds of sugar each week, by signing up the sugar sales record of the merchant. The two and five pound rules have been discontinued.

Merchants are expected to look after the legitimate demands for sugar for canning and preserving and apple-butter boiling, and where you are having difficulty to furnish the necessary sugar for these purposes, let me know and I will help you out. Merchants should be very sure that sugar that is now being sold for canning and applebutter is actually needed for that purpose. You have a right to ask any questions you may think necessary as to what is being done with the sugar, and where there is any doubt about the proper use of it, do not make the sale.

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County Food Administrator.

Labor Adjustments.

Employers using motor or horse-drawn vehicles in their business should note that all adjustments of labor and labor problems affecting chauffeurs, drivers, and workers related to any phase of highways transportation, will hereafter be made by the Highways Transport Committee, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., R. C. Hargreaves, Secretary.

A ruling of Director-General Denmore, U. S. Employment Service, to that effect is announced by David S. Ludlum, Director of Motors and Motor Trucks, Pennsylvania Council of National Defense. Adjustments will be based upon facts and information furnished by the State Highways Transport Committee.

Mrs. Mary Peck and Mrs. Corde W. Snyder came from Mount Union last Saturday evening and were met here by Mr. and Mrs. Eli M. Peck, of Needmore, who took them to their respective homes. Mrs. Peck says hundreds of women are employed in the industrial plants in that town performing manual labor and getting the same pay as men for like work.

A-L-L-T-O-G-E-T-H-E-R!

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars is Fulton County's Allotment in The Fourth Liberty Loan Drive.

Don't snarl! Be thankful that a kind Providence has given you means by which you are now able to put your shoulder to the wheel and help to win the war. Be thankful that the war is not ruining the towns and farms in Fulton County as it is in Belgium and France! Get ready to do your part like a true patriot. If you do not have the money at hand to pay for a liberty bond, do like you do at a sale—give your note, and pay later. You will not be asked to give bail, but the Government does expect you to do something. Of course, you are not giving it—you are only lending your money to the safest borrower in the world, and at a mighty fair rate of interest.

The fourth Liberty Loan campaign opens September 28th. A central committee has been named to have charge of the work in Fulton County. This committee will work in co-operation with the speakers bureau of the Fulton County branch of the Pennsylvania council of national defence and committee of public safety, who are planning to hold meetings in every district. There will be war exhibits and moving pictures brought into the County for the special purpose of the campaign. The liberty sing will feature at these meetings. Canvassers will be named to visit every house.

Fulton County's quota is \$200,000.00. Every person should subscribe and see that it counts on the County's Quota.

The Fuel Administration has ruled that the Gasless Sunday regulations will not apply to persons attending Liberty Loan Meetings, or carrying on the work of the campaign.

AYR.

U. G. Humbert, Peter Kirk, D. M. Morton, Geo. E. Clouser, D. E. Crouse, Harvey Unger, Walter Johnston, Geo. A. Comer; Lewis Harris, J. L. Patterson, Jas. H. Kendall, J. E. Thomas, Mrs. Raymond Paylor, H. A. Duffy.

BELFAST.

Watson G. Peck, S. A. Hess, Stewart Strait, Mrs. J. J. Palmer, R. C. Dixon, Wilson Waltz, Charley A. Bard, E. N. Akers, W. Scott Palmer, Jeff C. Mellott, Raynard Mellott.

BETHEL.

Geo. F. B. Hill, Samuel Carnell, A. D. Garland, Lemuel Kirk, Roy Layton, W. B. Stigers, H. K. Markley, J. E. Palmer, Jacob Schultz, T. R. Bishop, Jas. Slayman, Ira D. Mellott, Chas. Golden.

BRUSH CREEK.

Hon. C. R. Akers, Herbert M. Cunningham.

Letter to Soldier's Mother.

Sept. 3, 1918.

MRS. SYLVIA HILES,
Warfordsburg, Pa.

DEAR MAM,
No doubt you have by this time learned of the death of your son Riley E. Hiles, but as I officiated at his funeral yesterday, I am writing to tell you of the service, and to extend to you my very sincere sympathy in your bereavement. Lieutenant Lower was privileged to show some kindness to your son, and to visit him in the Hospital at Charenton.

He tells me that your son was brave and uncomplaining. The Lieutenant felt badly when I told him that Riley Hiles had died.

I knew nothing of his illness until after he had died, so that it was not possible for me to call upon him, or to render any service. I know however that every thing that could be done for him was done for him at the hospital.

The funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 2nd, at 1:30 p. m. As a Protestant chaplain I con-

FOUND DEAD.

John A. Mellott Found Dead at His Home Near Saluvia on Wednesday of Last Week.

John A. Mellott, aged 57 years, was found dead at his home on the Lincoln Highway near Saluvia on Wednesday afternoon, September 18, 1918 by Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Johnson and George Dugan, automobile tourists of McKeesport, Pa., who immediately reported their discovery to some of the neighbors.

An investigation held by District Attorney S. W. Kirk, Hon. Jno. P. Sipes and others, together with an inquest over the remains, developed the conclusion that Mr. Mellott had come to his death by natural causes—there being no evidence of foul play. The supposition is, that he had fallen in an epileptic fit—an ailment with which he had been afflicted for several years.

On his person was found sixty dollars in currency, and a bank check drawn payable to himself. His bible lay near him on the cot, indicating that he had been reading it when stricken.

The deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David S. Mellott, and on the day of his supposed death he was aged 57 years, 8 months and 15 days. He is survived by seven sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Martha McDonald, of Illinois; Mrs. Mary Claybaugh, near Everett; Mrs. Nancy Decker, near Saluvia; Mrs. Frances Strait, Needmore R. R. 1.; Mrs. Ella Rohm, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Tena Wink Mrs. Jennie Deshong of Deshler, O.; Henry J. Mellott, of Canada, Leonard, residing in Illinois, and George S., Pleasant Ridge. The funeral services were held at the Siding Hill Christian church on Friday afternoon, by Rev. T. P. Garland, and interment was made in the cemetery at that church.

ducted the exercises.

The body was carried in an army ambulance preceded by a Corporal and seven privates, a flag was laid over the coffin and the French people furnished a beautiful bouquet of flowers tied with red, white and blue ribbon. Major Collins the Catholic chaplain, Father Flynn, and I, marched behind the ambulance. We were followed by a large number of American soldiers and French people. The firing squad fired three rounds, then I read from the 90th Psalm, and then four of the soldiers sang "Nearer My God to Thee." Then I read the words of Christ: "I am the Resurrection and the life," offered prayer and committed the body to the ground. The bugler sounded "Taps" and then the Mayor of the town made a short address of sympathy and friendliness.

He addressed your dead son as "poor brave American soldier who has died before the final victory."

Your son's body rests in the cemetery in the village of Charenton. Department of Cheo, near the exact center of France.

The grave is marked with a cross with his name on it, and a careful record of the place has been made, so that the body can be sent back to America after the war. His effects will, I understand, be sent to you soon. Although he was not killed in battle, none the less truly he died bravely; so that you may have the solemn pride shared by so many American mothers that you have laid a costly sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

May the Father of Mercies and God of all comfort, console you in your sorrows.

Respectfully and Sincerely yours,
K. C. MacArthur, First Lieut., Chaplain 301 Headquarters Trains and Military Police

A. P. O. 773 American Ex. Forces
Riley E. Hiles, 32nd Prov. Co.
July. Inf. Reg. Draft.
A. E. F.

RUSSIAN ATROCITIES

Hundreds of People in Petrograd Put to Death Without Trial in Single Week.

Lawless executions are going on in Central Russia at an alarming rate, more than 800 persons having been executed during the past week. It is stated in dispatches received at Washington that wholesale murder has been rampant in Russia for several months, the victims being massacred in many cases, without any form of trial whatever, purely for the purpose of revenge or for the gratification of selfish political aims and desires. The Bolshevik authorities seem to have become afflicted with a mania for the complete destruction of all former officers of the army, ex-officials of the former national and local Russian governments, and educated and well-to-do people generally. The decline of the power of the Bolsheviks is apparently driving the vengeful and irresponsible masses to desperation and causing them to resort to these bloody outrages in a final effort to destroy all who may be disposed to interfere with their ideas of freedom. Fortunately, other large classes of the population of Siberia and European-Russia are beginning to realize the importance of immediate and vigorous measures for the overthrow of the Bolshevik regime and many thousands are co-operating with the military forces of America, England and Japan, which are advancing from Vladivostok and Archangel toward Central Russia for the purpose of bringing to the misguided and unfortunate Russian people true liberty and effective self-government.

Why Russia is Backward.

The backwardness of the Russians can be pretty adequately accounted for by three historical factors. There is, first, the Mongol yoke which rested upon them for nearly two and a half centuries. During the wonderful thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, while England was establishing her parliament and democratic models were being worked out in the free self-government city states of Italy and the Low Countries, the Russians lay flattened under an Allied Asiatic despotism. By the time they had rid themselves of the Mongols all legal rights of individuals, local communities and social classes had disappeared, leaving the tears unlimited.

Muscovites had freed themselves from the Mongols their in their settlements in the rich treeless steppes to the south of them—the famous "Black Soil" destined to become the granary of Russia and, indeed, of Europe—were exposed to raids by the nomad Tartars hemming them on the east and south. Until the days of Peter the Great the Russians were for the most part confined to the less fertile forested region of the north where they were safe from the incursions of the nomads. Let one imagine how our economic development would have suffered had our ancestors been confined to the wooded region of the Upper Ohio and the Great Lakes because the fertile prairies from Indiana to the Rocky mountains lay open to the raids of barbarian horsemen welling up from a great populated area in the southwest!

Then there was the Romanoff autocracy which in Shakespeare's day crushed the bulk of the people down into serfdom—which later became slavery—and kept them there for two and a half centuries. "Asia" magazine.

Mrs. Virginia Gracey and sons Jesse and Herman, near Waterfall, motored to McConnellsburg early Tuesday morning. Jesse came in to attend to the reporting of his questionnaire.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

Ed D. Mellott, near Akersville, and Squire Charles Mellott, of Saluvia were business visitors in McConnellsburg Monday.

Donald Nace, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Nace and a graduate of the McConnellsburg High School entered the Mercersburg Academy last week for a prep course.

Mrs. Geo. W. Humbert and son Frank motored to Lancaster County last Thursday and on Friday attended the funeral of Mrs. Humbert's sister, Mrs. Carson Batt, returning home Saturday afternoon.

Miss Helen Washabaugh, a McConnellsburg High School graduate, but now a student at the Shippensburg State Normal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Washabaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Mellott, Mrs. Mellott's mother Mrs. Sarah Foreman, Hiram Laidig and Bert Erb—all near Laidig post office in Taylor township, composed a motoring party that made a trip to McConnellsburg Monday.

Mrs. Bert Hann of Hoytsville, O., is visiting her father Uriah W. Kline and other relatives and friends in Licking Creek township. Mrs. Hann resides in the Maumee river basin, which is a rich farming country. Her brother John runs two farms, and this year harvested 6000 bushels of wheat and has 125 acres in corn.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Bowman, of Harrisburg, spent last week in Hustontown visiting Mrs. Bowman's father "Uncle" Billy Vallance, who was very ill. Norman Gladfelter and his sister Grace brought their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Bowman to town last Saturday morning in their automobile in time to catch the early bus for Chambersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weisel (Hazel Garland) and their four interesting children: Evelyn and Louise, Louis, Jr. and Harold Garland, of Scottsdale, Pa., motored to the home of Mrs. Weisel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garland, near Mercersburg last Saturday, where they remained until Monday, coming over Monday and spending Monday night in the home of Dale Garland, a brother of Mrs. Weisel, near McConnellsburg, and returning to their home on Tuesday.

Cut out Christmas Presents.

The great merchants of the United States, the National Government and the National Chamber of Commerce have united to make the forthcoming Christmas unique.

It has already been announced that the Government insists that no presents—barring toys for children—be given, except useful ones. In an order just issued by the Council of National Defense, this request is emphasized very strongly.

The large merchants all over the country have agreed to cooperate with the Government in printing advertisements which will urge people to do their shopping early and at the same time urge them to eliminate all buying of useless presents.

It is proposed that no Christmas gifts shall be mailed or expressed after December 5th. A number of States have already adopted that rule. The Council of National Defense expressly says that toys for children are not to be interfered with.

All the merchants have agreed not to increase their working hours nor their force of working people during the Christmas season, which means that the public, in order to do their shopping with any degree of comfort, must begin very early.