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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

#### MRS. SCOTT RUNYAN.

Josephine Deming Runyan, wife of Scott Runyan, and daughter of John B. and Clara Hoke Runyan, died at their apartments in the Fulton County Bank Building, McConnellsburg, Pa., about 1 o'clock Saturday morning, October 26, 1918, of less than a week's illness of influenza and lobar pneumonia. The funeral, which, in obedience to the rulings of the Board of Health, was private, was held from the residence of the parents of the deceased on Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in the family lot in Union cemetery.

Josephine was born April 29, 1852; hence she had reached the age of 26 years, 8 months and 27 days on the 8th of October, 1918. She was united in marriage to Mr. Scott Runyan, the well known grocer in the Fulton County Bank Building. In early childhood she was dedicated to Christ through the rite of baptism, and before she had reached her fourteenth year, at her own request, she was received by confession of faith into full membership in the Presbyterian Church since which time she had a devoted interest in the welfare of every branch of the Church's activities. Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents and by one brother Russell Hoke Runyan, in a United States Geological Survey Corps, now working in Kentucky.

#### MRS. HARRIET MELLOTT.

Mrs. Harriet Mellogg, widow of the late James Jackson Mellogg, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Adam C. Lauer Mercersburg, R. R. 2, on Saturday, October 26, 1918, aged 86 years, of complications of diseases incident to advancing age. Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. Lauer Monday morning at 11 o'clock, and her remains were taken to Union cemetery in Ayr township for interment.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Samuel and Rachel Harr, of Ayr township, and was married to J. J. Mellogg who died about eight years ago. She is survived by the following sons and daughter: George F., near Lemasters, Franklin County; James R., near Mercersburg; Rowe, Big Cove Tannery; Dayton, St. Thomas, Franklin County; Samuel, Jacob and Joseph residing in Ayr township, this county, and Lucy, wife of Adam C. Lauer, in Franklin County. "Grandmother" Mellogg as she was affectionately known, was one of this County's representative women, and the mother of a large and influential family. She was a consistent member of the Brethren Church.

She is survived by two sisters Lizzie wife of ex-County Treasurer Joseph B. Mellogg, and Mary, wife of E. B. Lake, Hagerstown, Md.

#### PAUL N. BAUMGARDNER.

Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner of Wells Tannery was called to Watkins, N. Y. on account of the serious illness of her son Paul Nelson Baumgardner, who had gone to that city to hold service day for DeLaval Separator Company, of which he was one of the Company's most efficient salesmen. While in that city he was attacked by influenza, which rapidly developed into uraemic poisoning, and he passed away on Thursday, October 24, 1918, thus ending a short life of 29 years which gave promise of a bright and successful future in the business world. The body accompanied by his mother was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner at Wells Tannery, and his remains laid to rest in the cemetery at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted from the veranda of the home

by Rev. Stickler, of Saxton. Representatives were present from the DeLaval Company, New York, and from the Masonic Lodge in Bedford, of which he was a member. His company wrote letters to his wife and parents, expressing high appreciation of Paul's services and ability as an employee of the Company.

Mrs. Chas. Humphreys, of Germantown, Pa., Harry Baumgardner of Cape Charles, Va. and others from surrounding counties, were present at the funeral.

#### J. SCOTT HOCKENSMITH.

John Scott Hockensmith, son of Michael M. and Anna Sipes, Hockensmith, was born in this county, September 23, 1887, and departed this life at his home near Saratoga, Ind., on Saturday, October 19, 1918, aged 31 years and 26 days.

On the 4th day of December, 1908, he was married to Miss Lola, daughter of Noah and Emma Rickert, and to this union were born four children—Duane, Marjorie, Thelma, and Donald, all of whom survive, together with the mother. He is also survived by his father, one brother William, living at Saratoga, Ind., and three sisters—Irene, wife of Martin Fields, near Saratoga; Nettie, at home, and Rebecca, wife of Howard Kegg, near Andover. Scott's mother died several years ago. On his mother's side are his uncles Martin and William H. Sipes, living in Indiana, and James A. residing in Arkansas. He leaves one aunt on his father's side—Mrs. Florence Wink, of Curwensville, Pa.

The funeral took place on the Tuesday morning following his death and interment was made in the cemetery at Ridgeville, Ind. Scott was sick but eight days, and the first intimation of his death by his Pennsylvania friends was when a telegram came to his brother-in-law, H. S. Daniels, Esq., of this place on Saturday morning following his death. The deceased was a good citizen, a member of the U. B. Church, and an Odd Fellow.

#### V. R. SIPES.

V. Reamer Sipes died at his home at Plotz, Franklin County on Monday, September 16, 1918, aged 63 years, 7 months, and 2 days of tuberculosis.

The deceased was a native of this county and spent several of his younger years in the West. His health failing, he returned to his old home in 1883 and was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Decker, of Licking Creek township. To this union were born eight children, all of whom are living, namely, Cora, wife of H. A. McFadden, Buffalo, Mont.; Roxy, wife of Gilbert Deshong, near Andover; Irene, wife of John Funk, near Mercersburg; Ernest, at Foltz; Martin, at Kearney; Baltzer, Milton and Scott, at home. All the children except Roxy were at the bedside of their father when the end came.

For twelve years prior to the taking over of the pike by the State, Mr. Sipes kept the toll gate on the mountain west of Foltz on the Mercersburg turnpike, and had charge of the repair work on the mountain. Reamer was a quiet, industrious citizen, and had the good will of every one who knew him.

#### ALVIN SHEETS.

Ex-Sheriff Daniel Sheets of Chambersburg has received word that his son Alvin died in France from pneumonia after a short illness. The young man was but 23 years of age and went across seas as a soldier boy in August. His father had a letter from him recently dated on September 2. Besides his father, his stepmother and two sisters survive.—Several years ago Mr. Sheets with his family moved from this county to a farm near Mercersburg and his son Alvin attended the Mercersburg Public Schools and graduated in the

Class of 1915. A few years ago Mr. Sheets sold his farm there and removed to Chambersburg.

#### EDWARD C. SPRIGGS.

Edward Clifton Spriggs, (colored), aged 25 years and 3 days, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spriggs, at the Ridge west of town at noon on Saturday, October 26, 1918, of influenza, after but a few days' illness. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the Spriggs Graveyard, near his late home. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and an exemplary young man.

#### FRANK ARMOUR.

Frank Armour, aged 50, unmarried, died at the home of Edward Diehl in White Cove at 2 o'clock last Sunday morning after an illness of only three days of influenza.

Mr. Armour, a prominent man and a resident of Glassport, Pa., had gone to the Cove for a few days' hunt.

His remains were taken in charge by Undertaker Gump, of Everett, and shipped to his home in Glassport.

#### MRS. PEARL CHATEAU.

Mrs. Pearl Chateau, of Harrisburg, died at the residence of Mrs. John D. Cutchall, near Hustontown, last Friday night of diphtheria. Interment was made at Clear Ridge Sunday evening. The undertaker, Homer L. Sipes, has since been notified that a permit was granted by the Health Department for the removal of the body to Harrisburg. Mrs. Chateau had gone to Mrs. Cutchall's in the hope that she might be able to restore health, to Miss Jesse Cutchall.

#### ELIJAH SOUDERS.

Elijah Souders, aged 31, son of Andrew and Mahala Myers Souders, died at his home in Thompson Township, on Friday, October 25, 1918 from an attack of influenza. The funeral was held last Sunday, and was conducted by Rev. T. P. Garland, of Needmore. Interment in the cemetery at Rehoboth. The deceased is survived by his wife and three small children; also, by the following brothers: Harry, Jesse, and Edward.

#### JOHN GALLAHER.

John Gallaher, aged 33 years, died at his home at Woodvale, Huntingdon County, Saturday morning, October 26, 1918 from an attack of influenza. The funeral took place Sunday and interment was made at Clear Ridge at 2:30 p. m. He is survived by his widow who was Anna May, daughter of John Winegardner, and by three children—Elder, Louise, and Hazel. John was a miner and a good industrious citizen.

#### DR. D. N. RICHARDS.

Information has been received here of the death in an army camp in New Jersey, of Dr. D. Nepper Richards, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. Davis Richards, the father being for many years, and until recently, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Germantown, Md. About two weeks ago, the young doctor fell a victim to influenza. He was 26 years of age and unmarried. He is survived by his parents and two brothers.

#### MRS. HARRY HELSEL.

Mrs. Harry Helsel, aged 22 years, passed away at her home at Wells Tannery after a brief illness from pneumonia, on Wednesday, October 25, 1918. Mr. Helsel, who was first stricken with the epidemic, recovered, as did Mrs. Morse, mother of Mrs. Helsel, and the young wife and daughter passed away.

#### MISS JESSIE CUTCHALL.

Miss Jessie Cutchall, aged about 21 years, died at the home of her mother Mrs. John D. Cutchall near Hustontown, Saturday night, October 26, 1918. Funeral Monday, and interment in the cemetery at Hustontown. Miss Jessie had been an invalid for several years.

## THE TEST OF REPRESENTATIVE WORTH,

### Having Served All the People With Fidelity Congressman Focht Calls for the Support of all Parties.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Oct. 30, 1918.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 17th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

The whole country is discussing the partisan action during this war time of the President who has called for the election of Democrats to Congress as the only fit men to support the Government now and during the vital reconstruction period. Fully concurring in the universal expressions of disapproval at this gross impropriety on the part of the Chief Executive, who should be President of the whole country and have faith in the patriotism of Republicans who have supported all war measures, and not descend to partisanship when all the people are helping win the war, no force or factor opposed to me can point to a single act while serving as your representative that will disclose other than the sacred discharge of my duty and helpfulness to ALL THE PEOPLE of my district REGARDLESS OF POLITICS. Every man, woman and child, no matter of what creed, color or political adherence, has had PROMPT RESPONSE from me to EVERY CALL with the best results my extended legislative experience could produce.

These responsive things I have done, and will continue to do for all who seek help or guidance in matters falling under my jurisdiction, although all well know, I AM AN AVOWED, DECLARED AND DEPENDABLE REPUBLICAN in my advocacy of protection and every economic principle that will safeguard our industries, the laboring men and women, and that will add to the encouragement of our great agricultural enterprises.

Notwithstanding the unworthy allusions made to me by my opponent on the Democratic ticket in his card of announcement, when he ascribed to me "MEAN PARTISANSHIP AND NARROWNESS OF SOUL", I would not stoop to anything so ignominious as making personal allusions to him. The issues now involved in the election of Congressmen this year reach far beyond the personal ambition of any individual, and take in every hope within the heart of the soldier, the Patriotic Societies of which I am a member, the working men, the farmer and every branch of business and industry.

Nevertheless, it might be timely, since we are sacrificing so much for "world democracy" and "the consent of the governed", to suggest that my place on the Republican ticket was secured by an expression of the will of the people at the ballot box in a POPULAR PRIMARY ELECTION, and by a most decisive if not sweeping majority. On the other hand, the most worthy Democrat who was regularly nominated by the voters of his party of the 17th Congressional District, WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW, and was supplanted by the Democrat now opposing me, who was "appointed" a candidate by a coterie of Democratic bosses and job holders headed by two of these holders of fat jobs, Palmer and McCormick, while not one of the twelve members of the committee making the appointment lives in the 17th Congressional District! Therefore, since the Democrats of the district had nothing to do with choosing the "appointee" they are now called upon to vote for they would seem to be under no obligation so far as party regularity is concerned to support him, any more than Republicans would be obligated to support me had I been a hand-picked candidate by factional bosses residing outside of the district.

The Democratic candidate for Congress can not find anything commendable in my vote for war after the President had failed to "keep us out of war", and for one hundred and more measures in support of the government during the war. He is such a warrior that one would have looked for him to have enlisted long before the war entered its last stages, but he continues to be long on war talk and short on enlistment. Our opposing friend is, however, quite a passionate volunteer for office, since he now holds one place with two years to serve, yet wants still another job just to show that Focht "IS A PARTISAN WITH A NARROW SOUL." His attitude in avoiding our proposal that he enlist reminds me of the chap who was apparently eager for a fist fight, but when things looked dangerous and friends remonstrated, he exclaimed with much heroism, "One of you will do to hold me, but two of you had better hold the other fellow." My only son, Brown Focht, now 14 years of age, has written me to get him into the aircraft division of the military service, and if the war should continue a while longer, he might take my opponent's place, or possibly that of Vance McCormick, the editor of the Harrisburg Patriot, another job holder and talking warrior who has not been seen rushing to the front. I am sure my boy would fight our enemies instead of blackguarding his neighbors in an attempt to counterfeit his way into Congress on the war record of other boys and the ludicrous plea that the only patriots in this country are Democrats.

Having served you all FAITHFULLY AND TIRELESSLY throughout my incumbency here, and particularly during this great war period, with no question ever asked as to the POLITICS OF THE MANY I HELP EVERY DAY, I trust that on election day, November 5th, 1918, there may be a response from the voters of all parties that will be a reciprocal expression of confidence and good will WHICH I FEEL TOWARD ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE 17th DISTRICT.

I will have but little time to get out among the people this fall on account of so many demands upon me here in performing my official work, nor do I believe you expect me to pay any attention to the ELEVENTH HOUR DEFAMATORY AND UNTRUTHFUL circulars being put out against me by my opponent. This is a cheap worn-out and effate method of campaigning, and never made a vote when employed 50 years ago by the highbinders. You know me, you know my work for you and your friends, and you know what I look like, so you will not see my picture in conspicuous places, while out of respect for the dignity of the position you have given me, I must decline to engage in any mud slinging with my opponent and the Democratic editors of the district, nearly all of whom hold Post Offices or other Government positions to the exclusion of many Democrats quite as worthy and capable but who were ignored by the Democratic bosses.

With the assurance that with your helpfulness MY DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE in Washington FOR ALL THE PEOPLE will continue unabated and unabridged, I am

Faithfully yours,

BENJAMIN K. FOCHT.

Political Advertisement.

## An Open Letter.

McConnellsburg, Pa.  
Oct. 26, 1918

DEAR VOTER:

When I accepted the nomination for the Legislature, I fully intended making a personal visit to each voter, but on account of my farm work and other demands upon my time connected with the Red Cross and Liberty Loan work, I was prevented from making a close canvass. I am taking this method of kindly asking your support and influence at the election next Tuesday, Nov. 5th.

If you do not know me personally, I trust you will make inquiry about me before casting your ballot. My life is an open book. I have endeavored to live right and be of some service to my fellowman and the community at large. I have stood for the things I thought were right and that which would benefit the people of Fulton County.

As I have been actively engaged in farming during the past fifteen years, I feel I am acquainted with the needs of an agricultural district like Fulton county, and if elected I promise you I will do everything possible to secure the enactment of any and all bills coming before the Legislature that will in any way benefit Fulton county.

I have never before aspired to public office and therefore am not known as widely as I would naturally be if I were a politician and continuously asking the people to elect me to office.

If elected, I will honestly try to be the representative of all our people, regardless of party, and will at all times be ready and eager to receive the advice of the people as to the merits of any bills coming before the Legislature and cast my vote for such bills as will bring the greatest good to the majority of the people. Thanking you in advance for your support and influence, I am,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE A. COMERER.  
Advertisement.

## Objectors to Have a Chance.

Uncle Sam is finding useful non-military duties for "conscientious objectors." They are not being allowed to evade essential service simply because their consciences will not permit them to take part in civilizations fight for existence.

In the early future, detachments of "conscientious objectors" will in all likelihood find themselves in France, to engage in necessary agriculture and reconstruction work.

The War Department's policy, as outlined to the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense, gives these "objectors" an opportunity to prove their sincerity. If within draft age, they are sent to canneries the same as other draftees, and are then given hearings. Pending a determination of the various cases, they are segregated as a special detachment in each camp, under control of a military officer, subject to the same training as soldiers, except that no military duties are required. At Camp Sherman, for example, the "conscientious objectors" detachment has hauled fertilizers and fed hogs on large adjoining farms.

"Objectors" adjudged insincere by the Board of Inquiry are placed in the regular military service. If they refuse to give such service, they are given disciplinary treatment which amounts to prison sentence.

An effort is made to change the views of the sincere "objectors." Should they continue in their "objections", they are placed at service where their labor will most effectively assist the country's military effort.

Civilian wages are paid, but "objectors" receive only \$31 a month, soldiers' pay, the balance being donated to the Red Cross,

## Another Newspaper Succumbs.

The Herald, published at Newton Hamilton, Pa., is among the latest newspapers to be obliged to go out of business on account of war conditions. In his last issue of the Herald, Editor Wilson made this statement to his subscribers:—

"Some of the absurd and unfair rules laid down by the Post-office Department, one of which is that the newspaper publishers are not allowed to mail papers to subscribers over three months in arrears, have put some 4,000 or 5,000 newspapers out of business, and among them is the Newton Hamilton Herald. Thursday we completed a deal with Messrs. H. J. Fosnot & Son, of Lewistown, whereby they have taken over the Herald plant. All subscriptions to the Herald that are paid in advance will be filled by the substitution of the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel. All back subscriptions will be paid to the undersigned. We are very sorry to stop the publication of the Herald, for we have many friends who will be disappointed, but it was a case of getting out with a whole skin. This is the last issue of the Newton Hamilton Herald.

IRA H. WILSON.

## A Queer Little Moon.

The inhabitants of Mars, if the planet has inhabitants, enjoy what to us would be a startling spectacle every night. Mars has two moons, the nearer one of which, Phobos, revolves around the planet in seven hours and thirty-eight minutes. Now, as Mars turns on its own axis in twenty-four hours and thirty-seven minutes, the little moon makes a fraction more than three revolutions while Mars is rotating once. This is what gives the inhabitants a beautiful spectacle, for the moon goes through all its phases from new to full, and again to new, in a single night. And another strange thing about it is that this queer little moon appears to rise in the west and set in the east, just the reverse of what our moon does. Astronomers say that it is one of the most interesting celestial bodies with which they are acquainted.

## Airplanes Doing Good Work.

Cavalry operations in conjunction with bombing airplanes is one of the war's innovations. In one case an aviator signaled that he had spotted a train bringing up German reinforcements. He made for it and dropped a bomb 200 yards ahead of the locomotive, demolishing the track. Then he performed the same feat just behind the train, isolating it. The cavalry dashed up before the Germans could get away and captured every last man of them.

An officer telling of the incident remarked that it resembled an American film play with the road agents lining up their victims against the cars with hands high in the air.

## Doing His Bit.

While Ira W. Zimmerman has not been tearing his clothes in the barbed wire entanglements in "No Man's Land" he has not been unmindful of the boys "over there." Notwithstanding the scarcity of farm help, he has produced a crop of 950 bushels of buckwheat from 26 acres, and several carloads of turnips, to say nothing of a general crop of other cereals.

## Prolific Heifer.

Three weeks ago a Holstein heifer belonging to Mrs. Lizzie Culler, near Plum Run, gave birth to three fine calves. It happened that another heifer in Mrs. Culler's herd had a calf about the same time and one of the triplets was transferred to the second heifer and now both mothers are pleased with her "twins."