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PATTON MAN IS UREMIA VICTIM

Thomas Craver Passed Away at His Home Saturday Morning; Funeral Tuesday

Thomas M. Craver died at his late home in Patton last Saturday morning at 6:00 o'clock of uremia, aged 47 years.

Deceased was born on a farm where the town of Patton now stands February 7, 1876. On Nov. 7, 1919 he was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Campbell of St. Lawrence who survives him along with the following children: Mrs. E. J. Gill, of Altoona, H. F. Craver, of Crescen; Mrs. Bertha Conrad, of Chest Springs; Mrs. Max Gill, of Patton; Mrs. Charles Rines, of Altoona; J. and Al. Craver, of Patton. Five children, Mary, Walter, Leonard, Angie and Bernard preceded him to the grave. He is also survived by 40 grandchildren.

Deceased in early life followed lumbering later moving on a farm in the Leaver Plains where he resided until five years ago when he took up his residence in Patton.

Funeral took place Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's church. Interment was made in St. Benedict's church cemetery, Carroll town.

Former Cambrian Dies. Andrew Jackson Durbin, who was born at St. Augustine on March 25, 1851, a son of Michael and Mary (McGoy) Durbin, both deceased, expired on April 27 last at his home in Ft. Wayne, Ind. His death was due to Bright's disease and heart trouble.

Durbin is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Durbin, and three children—Mrs. Mary Boylan, Mrs. Virginia Snuffer and William S. Durbin; also by four grandchildren. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Ft. Wayne. Funeral services were held in the church at Ft. Wayne.

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Following the forenoon meeting of the Guernsey breeders will be lunch at the Lincoln cafe and in the afternoon will visit the Guernsey herd of Webster Griffith. There will be a judging contest on the Griffith farm with Mr. Hull acting as official judge.

Nant-y-Glo Man Dies of Injuries. NANT-Y-GLO—As a result of injuries suffered about 8:30 o'clock Monday morning when two gasoline cars crashed in a head-on collision in a cut between Griffithstown and Beltsano, near here, John Homick, aged 50 years, of this place, expired Monday afternoon at the Regan home in Griffithtown, where he was removed following the accident. Homick suffered a broken laceration and fracture of the skull and the left side of his body was badly crushed.

Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock this morning in the local Greek Catholic church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Altoona's Oldest Man Dies. ALTOONA—John Sylvester Myers, 103 years old, the oldest known man in central Pennsylvania, died Wednesday morning at the Blair county hospital after a short illness. He was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars. He was born in Missouri, Jan. 22, 1820, but had been a resident of Pennsylvania since 1837.

Two Divorce Subpenas. Subpenas in divorce, returnable the first Monday in July, were awarded at Ebensburg in the case of Prudence Viola Hoffman vs. Charles Ross Hoffman, and Henry Royster vs. Lillian May Royster.

Plans Big Booster Meeting. A big booster meeting will be held on the campus of St. Francis College next Sunday afternoon. There will be a ball game between Duquesne University team, of Pittsburgh, and the St. Francis aggregation. Music will be furnished by Ken Keller's Orchestra, of Altoona. Following the game a lunch will be served the guests.

Pottery Owners to Meet. NEW CASTLE—A meeting of the stockholders of the Shenango Pottery Company has been called for July 12 to act on the proposal to increase the capital stock of the company from \$230,000 to \$750,000. The company has been expanding its business and enlarging its plants, and the management says additional capital is needed to meet the needs of the company's growing business.

Insure Policemen. PHILADELPHIA—Three thousand five hundred of the 4,300 members of the Philadelphia police have been insured under a blanket life insurance for \$7,000,000. The officers covered in the policy are members of the Police Beneficiary Association. Under the terms of the policy the life of each of the 3,500 is insured for \$2,000. Each policeman will pay \$42 a year for the policy and the annual premium is \$147,000. The policy is one of the largest group policies ever issued.

Revoc Man Expires. Edwin Reese, aged 39 years, of Revloc, died at 2:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Mercy Hospital, where he was admitted on Saturday afternoon. He expired following an operation for an abdominal obstruction.

Flowers for Decoration Day. Leave your orders at Kinkadee Stationery Store, Mages avenue.

Patton High School Lad Victim of Pneumonia

Eugene Garvey Link, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Link of this place died at the parental home at 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He had been sick for one week.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Catholic church of this place. A requiem high mass was said. Burial was made at St. Monica's cemetery, Chest Springs.

School Days. For Parents and Students in the Methodist Church, May 20, 11 A. M. Dr. John W. Long, President of the Williamsport, Dickerson Seminary will speak at 7:30 P. M. Dr. Long and Prof. Bentz, County Superintendent, Schools of Cambria County will speak.

There will be special music by the choir. A quartette composed of Prof. Bentz, M. H. Cooney, Miriam Lilly and Mrs. Graham, Mr. Bentz will sing a solo in the evening. Rev. and Mrs. Graham will sing a duet and Mitchell Lucas will play a violin solo at both the morning and the evening services.

Baldwin's Return. Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Baldwin, who have been in Philadelphia for the past several months at which city Dr. Baldwin recently underwent an operation have returned to Patton. Their many friends are glad to see them back and hope that the Doctor will rapidly regain his health.

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State Insists Patton Must Filter Water

Made Same Demand Three Years Ago; But Demands Action Now. Installation of A Filtration Plant.

The State Department of Health, which has jurisdiction over all sanitary matters in the State, including water works and sewerage systems, have ordered Patton to install a Filtration Plant to purify the water supply of the town. Although a similar order was issued to Patton in 1920, no action was taken, due to the lack of funds, but now, since they find the water Department of Patton in a prosperous condition through the capable, business like management of their borough officers, the State has become impatient and some action must be taken.

The terrible drought last summer no doubt remains in the minds of most of our citizens, and the mighty struggle for the thorough water works was put to rest, to keep on supplying water to the people, with the creek practically dry, when some drainage had to be used to have any water at all in the mains, has not been forgotten by any of us. Neither has it been forgotten by the State Department of Health and since it is their duty to watch over the health of their citizens, they have taken the precaution to order the Filtration Plant so that the water may be purified and the users of water may be assured of a sparkling clear water, free from any germs at all times, whether the Creek is muddy or not.

Of course, the Borough officials would ignore the order of the State, but this would mean arrest and prosecution by order of the Attorney General of the State, and this is not only embarrassing but also an expensive procedure, and the Borough would have to pay the costs of such a proceeding.

It would be wise to install it, for good health is a man's most valuable thing a man can possess, and one case of typhoid fever contracted from an impure and unfiltered water supply has been added to the list of cases.

When typhoid fever strikes a family no one knows that an impure water supply is generally the cause, and it may come any time and it is too late to filter the water. The Filtration Plant has been ordered, and it is sitting back and waiting for the epidemic of typhoid fever to break out before we make up our minds to do something, and it may be too late then.

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Seniors Attend College Meet.

Members of the Senior class of Patton High School, accompanied by several of the teachers, last Saturday motored to State College to attend the 40th annual intercollegiate track meet. The young folks were well rewarded for their interest in the disagreeable weather by seeing three of their seven entrants take second places, among those being: Wade Larimer, broad jump; John Koppchick, shot put; and Leslie Waters, mile run. The relay team placed fourth. On the return trip the class stopped for dinner at Caum's Cafe Altoona, after which they returned home.

Patton had the biggest representation of any of the schools contesting in the track meet. Considering the competition, which was strong indeed, consisting of such schools as Williamsport, Lock Haven, State College, East Rutherford, N. J., Clearfield, Jersey Shore, Brookville, Tyrone, Altoona and others, Patton did very well. The weather, which was cold and rainy, served as a detriment to all teams entered.

The management of the Grand Theatre have this week installed a Gardner Velvet Gold Fibre screen which is the most famous in the art of screen manufacture and adds materially to the appearance of the pictures shown. Clearness in detail, depth and natural color are three of the features of this remarkable screen composition, which was installed at a considerable expense. All eye strain is now eliminated. Note the difference in the pictures the next time you visit the Grand.

LEAVE FOR DETROIT. John Skotcher and Linus Debozier, two well known local young men, left Monday for Detroit, Michigan, at which place they will remain for some time. Mr. Skotcher has for the past several years been employed by the courier, and he is absent from the shop in keenly felt by his fellow workers. It is his intention to follow up the printing game in Detroit. Enroute the young men visited at Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Play at Chest Springs. The Lion and the Mouse will be presented by the Carrolltown Players Association in the hall at Chest Springs, next Tuesday evening. May 22nd at 8 p. m. for the benefit of the Chest Springs school. The show is a good one and the players are exceptionally well equipped.

Price is \$202,079.25. Bids were opened at Ebensburg Wednesday morning by the County Commissioners for the reconstruction of 1,500 lineal feet of improved road on the William Penn Highway from Munster to Crescen, through the improved highway will be 40 feet wide and constructed of brick on concrete base.

Other bidders were: Trevarrow & James, of Johnstown, \$261,982.25; John Vignand & Son, of Hollidaysburg, \$239,218.15; Owen & Plummer, Inc. of Johnstown, \$218,169.00; Corrado & Gallardi, of Conestoga, \$237,169.20; John E. Ebersburg, \$230,213.90; L. Steel Clark, of Cherrytree, \$238,236.30.

The contract has not yet been awarded, the Commissioners having taken the bids under advisement.

Removed to Dixmont. EBENSBURG—Charles Collins, arrested in Johnstown some time ago for an assault on James Matthews, in a Walnut street restaurant, was removed to the insane asylum at Dixmont Saturday by county authorities, a commission in lunacy having adjudged him of unsound mind.

Don Catala, who was taken into custody a short time ago, after having escaped from an insane asylum, was also taken to Dixmont Saturday. He had been held in the county jail pending disposition by the authorities.

Will Reside in Ashville. ASHVILLE—Miss Helen Wertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wertz of Fifth avenue, Altoona, and Martin Wills, of this place, were married at 7 o'clock Monday morning in St. Marks Catholic church, Altoona. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father James B. Egan, rector. Their attendants were Miss Pauline Wertz, sister of the bride, and Warren Wills, brother of the bridegroom.

Following a wedding breakfast the bridal couple departed on a honeymoon trip in the east. They will be home to their friends in Ashville after June 1.

Find Missing Girl. ALTOONA—Miss Julia Fuller, 19 of Washington, D. C., who on Sunday disappeared from the home of relatives she was visiting in Bellefonte dressed in a suit belonging to her uncle, was found Monday night. The girl says she had no recollection of where she spent the time since she started for church with her aunt Sunday morning.

WASHINGTON—One billion dollars worth of Government securities could be sold if the Government had them to sell.

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LOCAL CITIZENS HAVE PROGRAM

Judge McCann Pays Tribute to Mothers at Public Gathering Monday Evening

Judge John H. McCann of Ebensburg, was the principal speaker at a Mother's Day celebration Monday evening at the American Legion rooms, in the Greengarden building. In the course of his address Judge McCann paid a glowing tribute to the mothers, their unselfish care and devotion make the home, which is the foundation of our country, he said.

In a very forceful language Judge McCann accorded instructors in the school, the true light of the sacredness of the marriage vow, thereby encouraging the divorce evil.

George Larimer, cashier of the Greengarden National Bank of Patton, was master of ceremonies.

An interesting and inspiring address was delivered by Dr. J. J. Keizer, of the Philadelphia, Pa. Freshments were served.

Plans for a Mothers' Day Celebration were completed by the American Legion Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Lester Larimer is President, and a committee composed of members of the Walter McCoy Post, No. 614, American Legion.

For Sale. Farm of 35 1-2 acres two miles east of Patton in Clearfield township just at the end of the paved road. Large house, eight rooms and bath, both in good condition. Other outbuildings, good well water at the house, also an excellent spring nearby. A stream of water traverses said farm. About twenty acres of fair sized timber. Farm land in fair condition. All land under cultivation is planted or ready to be planted in good condition. This farm is suitable for a country estate, being beautifully located on a fine view from Patton. Will sell for \$10,000.00. A reasonable price can be made to buy out the timber. Write to J. H. Shearer, care of the American Legion, P. O. Box 200, Patton Pa.

OPPORTUNITY. The Penn Central Light and Power Company Preference Shares being offered at \$7.00 per share are decidedly attractive to everyone who desires to invest money safely and wisely. These shares yield over 7 per cent in earnings and may be purchased for cash or on a liberal monthly savings plan. The terms of the savings plan are \$5.00 per share to accompany subscription, the balance at \$4.00 per month. The interest rate is an annual rate of 6 per cent payable quarterly. This plan gives the investor the large and small investor an opportunity to acquire stocks in a successful company, paying a substantial dividend. Other particulars concerning this stock will be found in our advertisement on page 8, while more detailed information may be secured by calling at or writing the office. PENN. CENTRAL LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

J. H. SHEARER, Vice President. OUR AIM: "EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY A SHAREHOLDER."

Mother's Day. Home Sweet Home! A very interesting and impressive service was enjoyed last Sunday at the Baptist church in the morning Pastor Zwayer spoke on the House of God, in the evening on the Home and Mother of Jesus, and the living mothers of today. Toward the close, just as he was beginning to tell the story of Home Sweet Home, the lights were put out, and a beautiful tableau of a family at home was presented while a chorus of young ladies rendered the beautiful song of Home Sweet Home. Then the service was closed with God Be With You Till We Meet Again, sung from the screen.

Calvary Chapel. As one rides on the street car above Patton, he catches a glimpse of the pretty Calvary Baptist Chapel, and on Sunday morning and again in the evening, he hears the bell ringing, and more than one person has said, "I feel like getting off and enjoying the services in this quiet spot." It reminds one of the village church in his boyhood days. Meeting at the Chapel as follows: Sunday School 10:15 A. M. evening worship 7:15 P. M. prayer meeting and Bible study Thursday 7:00 P. M. Come, and bring your friends with you.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. A. Nugent Samwell, rector. Church school at 10 A. M. Sunday, May 20th. Evening prayer and sermon at 3:30 p. m.

Naturalization Court was opened at Ebensburg Tuesday morning at the courthouse for a two-days' session. President Judge John E. Evans is presiding. There are 200 applicants for final citizenship papers to be examined during the two days. C. A. Bernhardt, of Pittsburgh, a Government examiner, is conducting the examinations.

From the Files

NEWS OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. June 2, 1898. The Nicktown and Spangler Telephone Company have the poles in place for the new line and will place the wires and phones in a few days.

Miss Mary Culp is visiting her brother, J. L. Culp of Palmyra. A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill, of Altoona, Pa., on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sandford spent the week end at Phillipsburg visiting relatives and friends.

NEWS OF TEN YEARS AGO. June 4, 1913. Mrs. Mary Jacobs visited her daughter Mary at the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, Tuesday.

John Swopkosky, better known as Jack Schwab, has been elected as Captain of the Washington Jefferson winning on the first ballot. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swopkosky of this place, and is gaining an enviable reputation in the world of sports.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sherry spent a few days in Philadelphia this week. Harry Glantz was an Altoona visitor over the week-end.

Dr. W. A. Blair returned home after spending some time in Harrisburg.

Auditors Appointed. Upon a petition presented by Thomas C. Evans, Esq., counsel for the School Directors of Portage Township for the appointment of two Auditors for the school district, the Court has appointed Michael Ferry and William Hughes to audit the accounts for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1923. Their compensation has been fixed at \$5 per day for each auditor to be paid by the school district of Portage.

Cotton Production Big. WASHINGTON—Cotton, exclusive of linters, consumed during April totaled 577,896 bales, compared with 443,509 bales in April, 1922, the Bureau of the Census reported Monday. Linters consumed in April totaled 52,192 bales, against 49,287 bales in April last year.

POTAGE—Miss Ethel Meyers, who fell Wednesday from the porch at her home at 611 Main street, is considerably improved. She suffered a severe shock and a severe wrench of the right arm in the fall about 15 feet and has since been confined to her bed.

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