

OBITUARY

Son Of Pioneers Will Lie In Ancestral Plot

Lewis Orcutt's Life Rooted Deeply In Early Noxen History

Lewis H. Orcutt, son of pioneer settlers of Noxen, and a justice of the peace for many years in Monroe Township, died Wednesday morning on his eighty-first birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Check, at Mt. Pocono.

He will be buried in Orcutt Cemetery Saturday afternoon, following services conducted from his own home directly across the road by R. P. Griffith of Jehovah's Witness.

Mr. Orcutt was born in Noxen, son of the late George and Mary Ann Weaver Orcutt. The Orcutt farm once embraced the cemetery and the camp meeting grove near it, where Methodist Protestants gathered for two weeks every summer, and nearby Bowman's Creek residents did a thriving business in fresh eggs, produce, and meals.

The Orcutt family conducted a boarding house at the Camp Grounds. Many old-timers of the area remember Mr. Orcutt's crippled sister, Nettie, who sat in her wheelchair on the porch where campers congregated. Folks who attended the camp meetings remember the beautiful pine grove, the splashing little stream where campers drank deep from coconut shells, the fresh smell of the damp grass, the little cottages grouped about the central shed-like structure, starchy little Sunday School children being lifted to the hard benches, the excitement of the crowd, the singing and the exhortation.

Carriages and buggies came from afar, bringing campers and visitors from Wyoming Valley, and good cheer abounded. Old friends met. It was the high spot of the year, eagerly awaited.

Mr. Orcutt, over the years, collected a great many photographs and mementos of the early days showing oldsters of today in their youth, a valuable contribution to Noxen history.

Mr. Orcutt's wife, the former Jennie Cameron of Sunbury, died some years ago. He shared a home with his son, George, but with rock-ribbed heritage, insisted upon doing his own cooking and managing his own affairs. He was taken ill while on a visit to his daughter, but had expected to come home after a few days. He complained of high blood pressure for the past year, and had not been as well as usual.

He was one of five children, all of whom but Melissa Major of Kingston, are dead. The crippled girl died years ago. Frances and Lucy were the two other sisters. Lewis was the only boy.

A True Gentlewoman Passes Away Aged 89

The many lifelong friends who gathered to pay their respects to the memory of Mrs. Nora Culver Stevens, 89, of Broadway, remarked that a beautiful and serene life had closed. Nobody, they agreed, had ever heard this gentle woman make an unkind remark or spread even the most harmless of gossip.

Mrs. Stevens died of a heart ailment Friday morning. She was buried Monday afternoon in Bloomington Cemetery, following services conducted by Rev. Oscar Saxe from the Bronson Funeral Home.

A native of Broadway, daughter of the late John and Adeline Culver, she was a staunch member of the Broadway Methodist Church, the Ladies Bible Class, and the W.S.C.S. Every summer she attended Patterson Grove Camp Meeting, renewing acquaintance with friends who annually returned for the services and the sociability.

Her husband, T. A. Stevens, died in 1933.

Surviving are children: Mrs. Alfred Hartman, with whom she made her home; Kenneth and John, Broadway; Mrs. Florence Harvey, Benton; Mrs. Eleanor Anderson, Philadelphia; Mrs. Mabel Baer, Malvern; Merle, New Britain, Conn.; Paul, Benton; a brother, Torrence, and two sisters, Miss Anna Culver and Mrs. Maude Hull, all of Broadway; 25 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Baby Dies Of Pneumonia, Is Buried At Oakdale

Richard Joseph Hamilton, 21-months-old son of Mrs. George Hamilton, Shickshinny RD, died of pneumonia on Monday at Mercy Hospital, where he had been admitted on Friday. He was buried Thursday afternoon in Oakdale Cemetery, Rev. Oscar Saxe conducting services from the Bronson Funeral Home.

There is an older brother, George Jr., 4. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grover Newell, Hunlock Creek.

David Howells Suffered With Miner's Asthma

David Howells, suffering from miner's asthma which dictated his retirement from Woodward Colliery, Glen Alden Coal Company, ten years ago after forty years of employment, died of his ailment Thursday morning at his home in Birch Grove. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery Monday afternoon, Reverend Arthur Mayo, pastor of Trucksville Methodist Church, conducting services from the Davis Funeral Home in Luzerne.

Mr. Howells, 76, was a native of South Wales, son of the late William and Anna Howells, Merthyr Tydfil. A sister, Mrs. Burton Lewis, and a brother Walter, remain in their native town. Mr. Howells came to this country as a young man in 1906, already an experienced miner in the Welsh coal fields. Since 1922 he had lived in the Back Mountain.

Surviving are his widow, the former Edith Cordick, of Plymouth; seven children: Kenneth, Brooklyn, N.Y.; W. Harry, Union, N.J.; Burton, Kingston; Mrs. Edith Haughwout, Mountain Top; Mrs. Fern Sabol, Trucksville; Mrs. Doris Shone and David, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; twenty grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

George Sickler, 66, Dies At Veterans' Hospital

George Sickler, 66, Evans Falls, stricken suddenly ill while spending the winter with his niece, Mrs. Clarence Eddy, in Athens, was rushed to Veterans' Hospital on Wednesday and died the following afternoon. He was buried Monday morning in Orcutt Cemetery. Rev. Donald Nulton, pastor of the Mehoopany Baptist Church, conducted services from the Nulton Funeral Home.

Mr. Sickler was a native of Evans Falls. His parents were the late Zacharias and Lettie West Sickler. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are step-sons Floyd and Thornton Pond, both of Westfield, and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Yale, Luzerne.

Charlotte Hauck Dies After Long Illness

Miss Charlotte Hauck, sister of Mrs. A. A. Mascali, and a beloved second mother to the Mascali children, was released from months of suffering early Wednesday morning, February 13, dying at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks. She was buried Saturday afternoon in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Rev. Russell Lawry, pastor of Dallas Methodist Church, conducting services from the Disque Funeral Home.

Miss Hauck, 47, for the past eleven years spent a great deal of her time in Dallas, living with her sister as a vital part of the household. She was born in Beaver Falls.

She is survived by her father, Charles E. Hauck, of Kutztown; three brothers and three sisters: Harold, Tunkhannock; Calvin, Ephrata; Mrs. Leah Chyke, New York City; Mrs. Ruby Rambo, Royersford; Orville, Kutztown; and Mrs. Mascali, wife of Dr. A. A. Mascali, Dallas.

Anna R. Frantz, Carverton Native, Dies At Age Of 91

Miss Anna R. Frantz, native of Carverton, died at her home in Tunkhannock last Thursday morning. She was buried Saturday afternoon in Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville.

Miss Frantz, 91, daughter of the late Samuel C. and Lydia Rose Frantz, moved away from Carverton in 1935, but retained membership in Carverton Methodist Church.

Student Philharmonic Monday In Kingston

A special concert featuring "Peter and the Wolf" will be given for Back Mountain and West Side students Monday afternoon at 3 at the Kingston Borough High School by Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic Orchestra. Arrangements may be made with local schools to excuse fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grade pupils, and tickets may be purchased from the music teachers of each school.

Senior high school students will find special concessions in ticket prices for their benefit at Monday evening's concert at Irem Temple.

Back Mountain women who are serving on the committee are Mrs. Stefan Hellersperk, Mrs. Huston Day, and Mrs. Stanley B. Davies.

Coolbaugh Returns To Police Duties

Irwin Coolbaugh has resumed his duties with Dallas Township Police force after having recovered from a heart attack suffered three and a half months ago. He expects to return to his work with Wilkes-Barre Railway Company about March 4. He recently underwent a four-day checkup at the hospital to determine whether he could resume his former activities.

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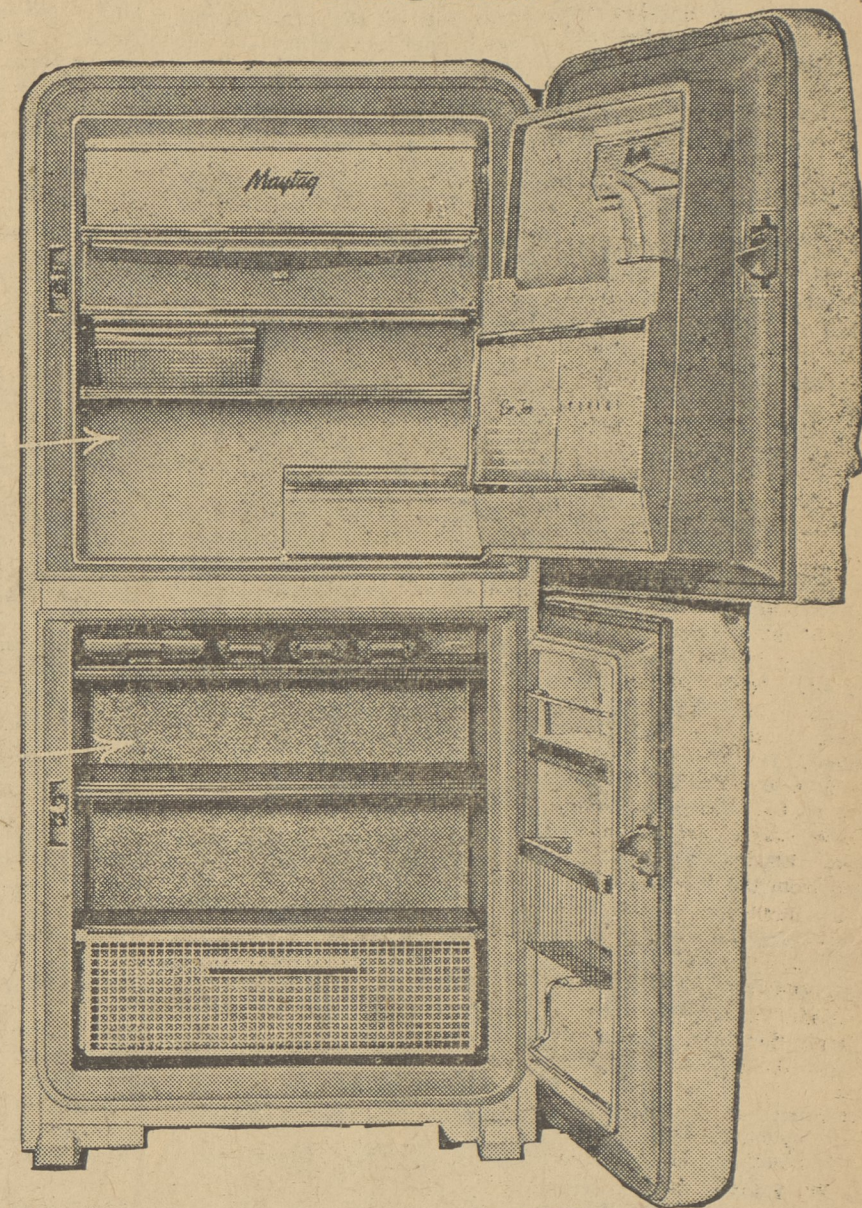
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