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OBITUARIES

NOAH H. GEPHART

Noah H. Gephart, 82, died Saturday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Clifford Morrison, Landisville, after an illness of several years.

He was the husband of the late Minerva Fogie Gephart, who died in March, 1953.

He was retired from Florin Foundry, Mount Joy, and was a member of the Protestant faith.

He lived most of his life in Mount Joy.

Born in Sommerset County, He was the son of the late John and Sara Neimiller Gephart.

He is survived by a son, Col. John William Gephart, U.S. Army Ret., Tallahassee, Fla., and three daughters, Frances Elizabeth, wife of Elwood C. Mateer, Mount Joy; Mrs. Catherine P. Updegraff, Mount Joy, and Esther Jane, wife of Clifford R. Morrison, Landisville.

He is survived by a half-brother, Robert Gephart, Jersey Shore; one sister, Mrs. Katherine Mitchell, Rockwood; three half-sisters, Pauline, wife of Carl Renaison, Mars; Ruth, wife of Edwin Kessler, Renovo, and Mrs. Blanche Hoffman, Lock Haven; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

SAMUEL R. NISSLEY

Samuel Rutherford Nissley, age 66, of Marietta RD1, died Thursday at the Lebanon Veteran's Hospital after an illness of one year.

He was born in East Donegal Township, son of the late Benjamin and Elizabeth Nissley.

Before his retirement, he was a laborer and served as sexton at the Maytown Union Cemetery. He served in World War Two, seeing action for two years in the south Pacific.

Samuel was a member of the Susquehanna Beneficial and Social Association, and the Marietta Beneficial Association.

He is survived by two brothers, Edward R. and Warren H., both of Marietta RD1.

PHARES FITZPATRICK

Phares Fitzpatrick, 53, of 109 Heisey Ave., Rheems, died unexpectedly Tuesday, July 5, in Rheems while at work as a house painter. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

He was a resident of the Lancaster County area all his life. He was a self-employed house painter, and had been previously employed by Harold Kling, an Elizabethtown painting contractor.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Conewago Post 329 American Legion, Elizabethtown; Fred Barley Post 5667 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elizabethtown, and Marietta Beneficial Association.

Born in Elizabethtown, he was a son of the late Phares and Ella Miller Fitzpatrick.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters: Josephine, wife of Howard Coover, Marietta; Mrs. Kathryn Stoudt, Elizabethtown; Harold, Rheems, and Paul, Marietta.

RUTH HELMSTAEBTER

Ruth M. Helmstaebter, of 347 Chocolate Ave., Mount Joy, passed away at the Duke Convalescent Residence on Friday after an illness of six weeks. She was 60 years old.

Born in Elizabeth, NJ, she was the daughter of Anna Brennan Helmstaebter, also of 347 Chocolate Ave., and the late Fred D. Helmstaebter.

She had lived in Mount Joy for one year. Before that she had spent 30 years as a payroll clerk at Gimbel's store in New York City.

Besides her mother, she is survived by a brother, John Helmstaebter of Mount Joy.

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Cleaner drinking water on the way

On June 24th the Environmental Protection Agency's first set of drinking water health regulations under the "Safe Drinking Water Act" went into effect across the Nation. Now all community water systems will have to sample their water routinely to make sure it's clean enough to meet EPA's new standards. Also, people using a public water system must be told by the water supplier if their water is found to be unacceptable for health reasons.

EPA's new standards cover contamination by bacteria, which can cause typhoid, cholera, dysentery and hepatitis. They also cover nitrate, which can cause an anemic condition in very young children. Also included are limits for

such inorganic chemicals as arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, chromium, fluoride, barium, silver and selenium, as well as for the pesticides endrin, lindane, methoxychlor, toxaphene, 2, 4-D, and 2, 4, 5-TP Silvex. There is also a maximum level for turbidity (murkiness), which can interfere with the disinfection of water, and for radioactivity.

Notification of bad water may be made by means of a notice accompanying water bills, in the newspaper, or on TV and radio. The notice will explain what the problem is and what is being done about it. It will also suggest precautions the consumer can take himself, if such measures are seen to be necessary.

EPA and State officials

believe that most water supplies already meet the standards. Those that don't, however, will now have to take whatever action is needed to remedy the problem.

There are still other drinking water safety problems which may need attention. EPA's new standards, for example, do not cover contamination by most organic chemicals. Since some of these chemicals are suspected of causing cancer when taken into the body in large concentrations, controlling this type of contamination is now the subject of an intensive research effort at the EPA. The agency plans to revise its health standards to include organic chemicals, as soon as they have enough scientific data.

Tim Eshelman participates in business field trips

Timothy Eshelman of Mount Joy was among 93 Juniata College students who participated in field trips during the spring academic term.

Students enrolled in the introduction to business course were divided into nine groups, each visiting four firms in a six-county

area. Taught by members of the college's economics and business administration department, the course was an introduction into the traditional functional areas of business—production, marketing, finance, and personnel.

The field trips were designed to expose the stu-

dents to applications of theories taught in class, including retailing, distribution, assembly, and fabrication.

Eshelman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Eshelman of R.D. #2, Mount Joy, is a 1975 graduate of Donegal High School.

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