

Obituaries

MRS. CLYDE MYLES

Mrs. Miriam Myles, 60, of 139 N. Market Ave. Mount Joy, died at Lancaster General Hospital after an illness of two days.

She was the widow of Clyde Myles, who died in 1961. Born in Lancaster she was a daughter of Esther I. Aukamp Kling, Millsboro, Del., and the late George W. King.

Besides her mother, she is survived by two sisters: Janet, wife of William Zahm, Millsboro; Lucretia Benedict, Lancaster; and one brother, George W. Kling Jr., Lancaster.

ELIZABETH MILEY

Elizabeth B. Miley, 95, of Mount Pleasant Road, Marietta, died at Heatherbank Convalescent Center, Columbia.

Born in Lancaster, she was a daughter of the late Edwin Musser and Margaret V. Elmeck Miley.

She lived in Marietta in the Musselman's Mansion on Musselman's Hill from 1886 until her death.

She was the only postmistress of Marietta from 1942 until 1955, when she retired. Prior to that, she was assistant postmistress in Maytown for 2 years, and also worked for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Miss Miley was also known for her painting of scenes around her home and for her unusual collection of more than 500 miniature china, pottery and wooden dogs.

"It's funny," she told an interviewer when she was 86, "everytime I have a birthday I wonder, how did I get to this? I feel lucky to have good health and to have such good friends and neighbors, and most importantly, I live the life I want to live. It Suits me fine."

She was a lifelong member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marietta.

She was a charter member of the Marietta Senior League, the Columbia Hospital Auxiliary, the Auxiliary of St. Anne's Home in Columbia, the Lancaster County Historical Society, the National Association of Retired Civil Employees.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

MRS. CURTIS REISCH

Mrs. Edna P. Reisch, 73, of 311 E. Main St., Mount Joy, died at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Mount Joy, the daughter of the late James Darwin and Florence Brandt Pennell. She was the widow of Curtis L. Reisch, who died in March 1974.

She was a life-long resident of Mount Joy and a former employee of the Gerberich-Payne Shoe Co.

She was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Mount Joy.

Surviving are: a son, James H. Reisch, Fort Worth, Tex.; three brothers and two sisters: James N. Pennell, Bruce L. Pennell, Charles S. Pennell, Hazel P. Clement, and Florence Pennell, all of Mount Joy, and three grandsons.

MRS. ELAM Y. HORST

Mrs. Maude E. Horst, 82, Marietta RD1, died at Lancaster General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

The wife of Elam Y. Horst, she was born in Columbia, the daughter of the late Zeigler C. and Nora Eshelman Portner.

She was a member of United Zion Church, Elizabethtown.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons: Lloyd K., Oxford; Benjamin C., Indianapolis; James E., East Petersburg; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a sister, Olivia, wife of Walter Linard, Elizabethtown, R1.

MINNIE R. DEMMY

Minnie R. Demmy, 88, Bainbridge, died in her home following a lengthy illness.

A daughter of the late Christian C. and Mary K. Ruthrauff Demmy, she was born in Stacktown.

She was a resident of the Bainbridge area all of her life, and was a member of Reich's Evangelical Congregational Church, as well as both the Missionary Society and Sunshine Bible School Class of the church.

She is survived by one brother, Maurice Demmy, Lititz.

Maifest

Guten Morgen and Willkommen! The sights, smells, and sounds of West Germany were shared by the third grade students in Room 11 at Maytown Elementary School in Donegal School District with their peers, parents, building personnel, and school administration at a Maifest (a German May Day Celebration) on Friday in the Maytown gymnasium. The occasion was the end of a five-week study of West Germany during which time social studies was combined with music, art, and language arts to bring together the colorful fabric of the German culture.

Decorated in black, red, and gold, colors of the West German flag, the gym "oompahed" with polkas and echoed with waltzes. The buffet tables, loaded with German foods, were covered with red checkered cloths and the tables reserved for visitors and faculty were laid with flowered cloths and decorated with ivy and red and yellow roses and daisies.

On a 15-minute per room schedule, each of the 11 classes, from Kindergarten through sixth grade, visited the Maifest, and after signing in, could visit the tables of German artifacts and folk art, join in the polkas already in progress, and finally sample the German cuisine. As all of this activity was in motion,

the boys and girls of the host class were answering questions, directing traffic, acting as curators of their displays, teaching the polka learned in music class to anyone who wanted to learn, and serving foods. On display were hand-carved music boxes and clocks, coins, postcards, stamps, and two 3' dolls, dressed in authentic Bavarian costume. Among the folk arts and customs on display were scherenschnitte (scissors cutting), the Advent wreath, and colored Easter eggs, along with masks designed in art class much like those worn at Karneval or Fasching season in Cologne, Munich, and Mainz during the weeks prior to the beginning of Lent. Another table, bearing a sign which read "Touch and enjoy," included books, magazines, film strips, and an almost completed 1000-piece puzzle of Lake Tegel. Food tables which featured world-famous wursts (sausages, of which Germany boasts some 1400 kinds), cheeses, pumpernickel, birch beer, and a variety of cookies and cakes, baked by parents as well as the sponsoring teacher.

A unique dimension of this study was a "hot line" to West Germany in the form of a young student studying at the University of Cologne who provided the students with instant feedback. To him they sent their taped questions and messages, and in response they received his taped replies (with background sounds of Cologne) by return Luftpost (airmail). In addition to the tapes, each student received mail from him in which was included a German word to learn along with its English translation. Small wonder that the arrival of the mail and tapes was an exciting part of any day!

So, for Room 11, this jaunt to West Germany allowed each student diverse impressions of a unique country. Since each student created his own booklet about The Federal Republic of Germany which included maps, pamphlets, and his notes on the land, education, sports, religions, customs, foods, and a brief historical time line of the divided Germany and Berlin since World War II, it allowed him an in-depth look at a foreign culture. If he could perceive that another culture, rather than being funny or strange, is an attempt, much like his own, to survive and give some meaning and purpose to his life, he might then be able to sense the human link connecting him to other peoples of his planet. And perhaps, in seeing others with some degree of empathy and understanding, each of us may then be better able to understand himself.

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collected all the radiation that their prey had eaten.

The actual tests were done at Oak Ridge, which Dr. McCormick told us is "just down the road" from the university. His samples were placed in a hollow crystal of sodium iodide, which (if we understood him correctly) gives off flashes of light when radioactive rays hit it. The sensitivity of this method is good, he told us: it can detect levels of radiation 100 times lower than those the government considers "significant."

Dr. McCormick's study was undertaken independently; it was not funded by any power company or federal government agency.

"Our detection methods are very good," Dr. McCormick said.

Dr. McCormick has done many radiation studies in the past all over the continent.

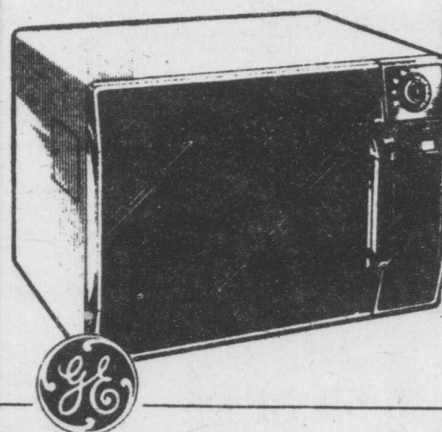
Dr. McCormick has in the past applied to the federal government for money to conduct studies of low-level radiation's effects on the environment, but has been turned down consistently. Since TMI, he again applied and been turned down.

"Twenty years from now, they'll need to know—and wish they had more information on this," he said.

Dr. McCormick was pleased by the "excellent cooperation" he got from local residents, the Pennsylvania Radiological Health people, and Met Ed. No one refused to let him take samples on private property and he obtained valuable information about releases, which helped him pick the most likely spots to find radiation in the food chain.

One farmer who let Dr. McCormick work on his land had an interesting story to tell. Even before the man had heard about the accident on the radio, he knew something had happened, because all of his smoke detectors went off. Dr. McCormick explained to us that the ionization-type smoke detectors will pick up radiation as well as smoke, and noted "someone could make a bundle of money by painting them red" and marketing them as radiation detectors.

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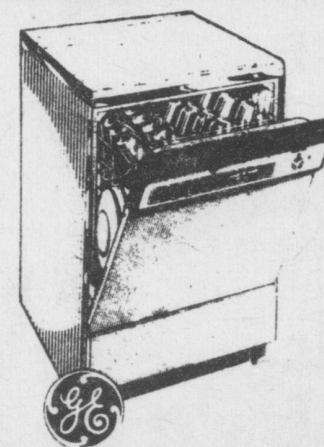


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