

MARGARET LOIS ACHESON

In July 1910 Samuel Harrison Acheson, moved his wife, Sarah Flora Worstell Acheson, and his two sons, Raymond and Matthew Reed, (her middle brother, Kenneth had died two years earlier at the age of three) into the new home he had just finished building for them. A month later, August 22, 1910 Lois joined them. Three years later her sister, Mildred, was born. This house is still Lois' home.

While a baby she was baptised in the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, and at the age of 12 joined the membership. As the years passed, Lois took an active part in the church, teaching in the Sabbath School, working in the Y.P.C.U., serving as president of the Chartiers Presbyterial Y.P.C.U., member and officer of the Romaine Russell Mission Circle, and member of the church choir.

Her early school life was all in the Hickory Elementary School, and she graduated from the Hickory Vocational High School. She continued her education at and was graduated from Indiana State Teachers College and later did advance work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Miss Acheson's teaching career began in the Primrose School, where during several years, she taught various grades from Third through Eighth. Then she was moved to the Hickory School where she taught departmental classes in Seventh and Eighth Grades. After the Ft. Cherry Jointure was formed and the new high school built, Lois moved to the Fourth Grade, and continued there until she retired after teaching for a total of 45 year. Lois is a member of the Washington County Retired Teachers Association, Pennsylvania Retired Teachers Association, and the National Retired Teachers Association.

Her church membership is with the Hickory U. P. Church (merged Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church and Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church) where Lois is an active member of the Women's Association and the church choir. She also belongs to the Women's Club of Hickory and the Ft. Vance Historical Society.

Since her retirement from teaching, she has been enjoying traveling, having been several times in all of our fifty states except four. One of her earliest trips took her to Hawaii, and this summer she was in Alaska. Lois has traveled extensively in Canada, to Nassau, to Europe, and is expecting to go to the Holy Land this Fall. When she is not traveling, Lois has her house, flowers, garden, and reading to keep her busy.

The Fireside Club wish you many more years of retirement in good health to do what you like to do. You deserve this after teaching our young people for 45 years.

ROBERT LEE ADAMSON

Robert Lee Adamson was born November 23, 1909, to James Ernest Adamson and Lorena Reed Adamson in Hopewell Township, Washington County. His family rented the Paul farm now owned by Robert Brezenski when he started school in Hickory in 1916. Jeanette Allison Carlisle was his first teacher. He rode to school in a wagon drawn by a team of horses and owned and driven by Joseph Carlisle, Flora's father. Lee finished elementary school in Cross Creek Township at Beech Nob school when his family moved to the McNary farm in Rea in 1919.

He graduated from Hickory High School in 1927 in a class of four boys and 14 girls. When the weather was bad during the school year, he stayed with his aunt, Mrs. Nettie Coleman and family going home on Friday either on the train or walking.

For eight years Lee worked for the Pa. Department of Highways while farming with his father. They operated a dairy farm until the barn burned in 1955. There are still some crops raised on the farm and Hereford cattle graze the pastures.

Since 1950 Lee has been owner manager of the Hickory Telephone Company. He has been a director in the Washington County Conservation District since 1949, past Treasurer and past President and a term as Commission member of the Pennsylvania Soil and Water Commission. Lee has been a member of the Washington County Planning Commission since it was formed. He has also served two full terms as Cross Creek Township supervisor and three years by appointment.

On October 4, 1938, he and Martha Barbour from Houston were married. Lee brought his bride to the family farm in Rea where they still reside. They have three children, James an electrician, Greer who works with his father at the telephone company, and Cathy Mancuso, a teacher who lives in Maryland. The boys continue to help Lee operate the farm.

Lee and Martha have travelled extensively in the United States including Hawaii and also to Europe.

Lee is a long time member of the Hickory U. P. Church and served as a Trustee and Chairman of the Congregation before the merger of the two churches.

Fireside Club salutes you, Lee, and wishes you many years to enjoy your lovely home and farm.

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ELDEN N. AHRNS

and

IDA CULLEY AHRNS

Elden, you were born on May 15, 1894, one of four children born to Henry C. and Elizabeth Carl Ahrns of Mt. Pleasant Township. You had two brothers and one sister. Your family was one who earned their living by farming, and at an early age, you became interested in that occupation and followed it for most of your working years. You received your education in the schools of Mt. Pleasant Township. After semi-retirement from the farm, you rendered valuable service for several years as custodian of the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Ida, you were born at Bavington, Penna. on January 1, 1897 to Thomas M. and Martha Stevens Culley. You had two brothers, both of whom are now deceased. You received your education at the schools in the Bavington area, and your family moved into Mt. Pleasant Township, where they were farmers.

As young people in the Hickory Community, you two met and after a courtship, you were married at Hickory on May 9, 1917, the ceremony performed by the Rev. Charles Stundkard of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church. You went to house-keeping in the house where you are now living. To your union three children were born, and of these one son is now deceased. Your family circle is made more complete with seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. You observed the 58th Anniversary of your marriage on May 9, 1975.

For many years you were faithful members of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, in which Elden served as ruling elder and trustee and where Ida was a member of the Women's Missionary Society. Now you are members and faithful attenders of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, and members of the Fireside Club.

You have both worked hard during your active lives, and have served your God and Country well, and we deeply respect you for that. We now are pleased to extend to both of you our warmest greetings and the right hand of fellowship and we wish for both of you many more years of usefulness in our Church and Community.

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CATHERINE ELIZABETH ANGERER BUCHANAN

Worthwhile Daughters' Sunday School class, Presbyterian Women and the "Quilters" group.

Your hobbies include: growing roses and flowers, sewing and crocheting -- as well as chasing rabbits out of your flower beds and providing a nice comfortable porch for the neighborhood cats.

The Fireside Club recognizes this milestone in your life and wishes you many happy hours with your family, hobbies and fellowship circles.

CATHERINE ELIZABETH ANGERER BUCHANAN

Catherine, you were born July 23, 1913 to John A. and Margaret E. Diehl Angerer on a farm bordering the Pennsylvania Training School at Morganza (now Western State). You were the oldest of six girls; your sisters are Mildred Coen (Philo, Ohio); Anne Brautigan (Hickory, PA.); Edna Brautigan (North Clymer, N.Y.); and Dorothy Hierl (Jefferson Borough, Clairton, PA.). One sister died in infancy.

At an early age, you became a confirmed member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Canonsburg, where your grandmother was a charter member and your father served as a life member of the Church Counsel (similar to our Session). Following your marriage and move to Hickory, you became a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church (now Hickory U. P.).

You and your sisters walked to a one-room school in Cecil Township, leaving home at 8 A.M. and not getting home until 5 P.M. This you did no matter what kind of weather it was. Many times you walked "on top of the snow drifts." (you also walked to church much of the time, a distance of three miles -- one way.) With the building of new elementary schools, Cecil High School, and the use of school buses your "education" became a bit more enjoyable. Since money was "hard to come by", you stayed at home to help on the farm so that your younger sisters could pursue the higher education they desired.

On January 17, 1939 you married James Reed Buchanan with the ceremony being performed in your home. This meant, for you, a move to Hickory where you and your husband lived on the Buchanan Homestead. You and Jim were the parents of two daughters: Margaret Lucille, wife of Samuel H. White, now living in Poland, Ohio and Marilyn Joyce, wife of Alfred L. Lese of Houston, PA. You also have three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Following Jim's death in March of 1960, you sold the farm to "Doc" Hoop and moved to Hickory where you still live. You also had to "find a job" and took employment at the Washington Hospital where you were Food Service Supervisor in the Dietary Department. You continued in this job for nineteen years, finally retiring on August 2, 1983.

Since that time you have found yourself "busier than ever" with other activities and plenty of time for your family. Among the various groups in which you are active are: Mt. Pleasant Twp. Society of Farm Women, the Hickory Women's Club, the Fireside Club, the Prime Life Club of the Washington Hospital and the Mt. Pleasant Twp. Historical Society of which you are a charter member. You are also active in the Hickory U. P. Church.

CARRIE JEANETTE AYERS CUMMINS

Born March 2, 1873

As one of our centenarians and the oldest member of our Church and in the entire Hickory Community, we congratulate you on your many years of usefulness in this area where your long life has been spent.

Born near Canonsburg, Penna. the daughter of John and Anna Ayers, you were one in a family of ten children born into that home. You attended the School near your birth-place, and that, with a good home training, prepared you for the strenuous duties of life.

On December 29, 1889 you were married to Frank L. Cummins, a farmer who during his life time was a useful man in the home and in the communities where your married life was spent. Your family consisted of five children, four of whom are still with you. You take great delight in the eight grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren who have come along to make your family more complete.

Your life as a farmer's wife and a Mother did not prevent you from enjoying and appreciating the better things of life. You learned to enjoy good books and good music, singing and poetry, and quilting has been a hobby from which you have derived much joy and satisfaction. Early in life you learned the lessons of thrift and economy and the dignity of doing things for yourself and doing them well. You can still demonstrate these fine qualities in your home life with your daughter, Ethel Hutchison.

A member of the Mt. Pleasant Farm Women's Club, and a long-time member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, and now of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, we salute you as our oldest member, we thank you for many kindnesses done, and we wish for you many more years of usefulness among us,

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ALICE ELIZABETH MOORE

You were born in Gladden, Pa. on February 9, 1906 to Elbert and Salina Ayres. At an early age your family moved to the Burgettstown area where you attended school at Slovan.

You were employed at the farm home of Joe Kairns at Erie Mine. When they moved to Houston you went with them and continued working for them until your marriage.

On July 22, 1930 you were united in marriage to Verner Moore, at Wellsburg, West Virginia and took up residence at the Moore home where you still reside. Nine children were born to this union. Helen Strike, Irene Carter, Ruth Pakisz, Virginia Conklin, Nancy Vizyak, Richard, Ralph, Eugene, and James. You were blessed with 26 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

After moving to Hickory you joined the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church which later became the Hickory U. P. Church. You have been active in church activities and a regular attender. On July 20, 1980 you and Verner celebrated your 50th wedding anniversary with open house in Fellowship Hall.

We take this opportunity to wish for you and your family God's richest blessings throughout the coming years.

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GEORGE E. BAKER

George E. Baker, prominent for many years in the educational structure of the Mt. Pleasant Township and Fort Cherry School Districts, was born near Elizabethtown, PA. on April 2, 1908, a son of John Shelley and Anna Engle Baker. His Father was a minister in the Church of the Brethren, in which faith George was raised, and to which he and Mrs. Baker have returned, since his retirement from public school work.

As a student, George attended the Maple Dale Elementary School, and he graduated from Elizabethtown High School in 1926. Interested in agricultural education, he enrolled in Pennsylvania State College, graduating in 1929, and in that year he began his teaching career in the Huntingdon Mills School in Luzerne County, then transferring to the Mill City High School in Wyoming County where he taught agriculture and coached the baseball and basketball teams.

He came to Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School as supervisor of agriculture in 1936 and he remained in the school systems until his retirement in 1970. Upon the death of Principal A. C. Stamy in 1941, Mr. Baker assumed the office of Supervising Principal of the Mount Pleasant Township Schools, and when the Fort Cherry Jointure was formed in 1954, he became Elementary Supervisor, and it was from this position that he retired in 1970.

Mr. Baker did graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh to receive a Master's Degree in Education. He held Elementary Principal's, Secondary Principal's and Supervising Principal's Certificates and he served in all three fields, in addition to being qualified as a teacher of agriculture.

George Baker and Ada Gipes were married at the bride's home on August 6, 1929. Since their retirement, this fine couple are living in a new home which they built in their old home community. Their friends in Fireside Club and the Hickory Church send Best Wishes for many more good years of retirement to this useful couple.

LOUISE BAKER WILSON

On April 9, 1909, Louise was born to John Clifford and Emma Bryce Baker in Wellsburg, West Virginia. Louise had two brothers, James Clifford and John Thomas, both now deceased.

Louise attended the Wellsburg public schools and after graduating from Wellsburg High School went on to West Virginia University. She graduated from West Liberty College.

After teaching for four years in the Wellsburg schools, Louise and Gailey Brice Wilson of Hickory were married in June 1933. For several years after their marriage they lived in the house now owned by Louise Boone until they bought the Dr. McIlroy property and established a wellknown antique business there.

Louise and Gailey had two children, Robert Baker, deceased in 1977 and Gail Suzanne, mother of Louise's two grandsons, Adam Lawrence and Mark Patrick.

For forty years the Wilsons were in the antique business, and during that time Louise travelled over the United States and abroad on buying trips while helping run the business at home. After her husband's death in July 1973, she has continued running the business on a more limited scale. She also found time to do substitute teaching for several years.

Louise is a long time member of the Hickory Women's Club, the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women, the Women's Association of the Hickory U. P. Church, and the Worthwhile Daughter's Class and Fireside Club.

Your many friends wish you continued years as a valued member of church and community.

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MARTHA MARGARET BARBOUR ADAMSON

Martha, you were born on April 14, 1915 in Houston, PA, a daughter of Grier C. and Anna Koons Barbour. You have a sister, Pearl Horne, who still lives in your old home, and two brothers, Lehman and Grier Barbour.

When you were 13, you joined the Houston U.P. Church and served as a Sunday School pianist and teacher during your teen years. You were also active in the Y.P.C.U. and attended the New Wilmington Missionary Conference two different years.

You and your brother Lehman rode Patsch's bus to attend school in Hickory for two years. But it was Depression, and it was cheaper to ride the train to East Washington, so you and your sister graduated from that school in 1933. Following graduation you did housework and babysitting to get enough money to take nurse's training at Canonsburg Hospital.

On October 4, 1938 you were married to Lee Adamson and moved to the family farm in Rea where you still make your home. You and Lee became the parents of three children: James, an electrician, Cathy, a teacher in Arlington, VA and Grier, manager of Hickory Telephone Company.

Following your marriage, you became a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church (now the Hickory U.P. Church) where you have been active in Sunday School, including teaching, a member of the adult choir, and in Presbyterian Women. You are also a member of the Washington County Chapter of the DAR.

You have remained active since Lee's death in 1985, even doing some traveling. Two "memorable" trips include a trip to Cancun, Mexico...only to be "blown out" by "Gilbert" (1988) and this year to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

When not traveling, you spend your time baking, sewing (including quilting), playing your organ and reading...not to mention being a willing "babysitter" for some grandchildren!

We wish you many more years at your "Happy Organ" and sewing machine!

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WILLIAM K. BEDILLION

All of your friends know you as "Bill" and we are glad on this occasion to include you in our Golden Age group. You were born on the McCoy Farm near Arden, Penna. on October 7, 1886, one of twelve children born to John Russell and Clarabell Kahle Bedillion. As a boy, you worked with your Father on the farm near the Cross Roads Church and attended the local school in Chartiers Township.

In the year 1909, you went to seek your fortune in the West. You worked on the Northern Pacific Railroad, as a lumber-jack in the forests and also for the Western Electric Company in Chicago. After eight years of roaming around, you returned to Washington County, where you soon met and began to court Anna Eva McCloskey of Washington. This resulted in your marriage to this fine girl which took place in Wheeling, W. Va. on October 9, 1920.

"Under the spreading chestnut tree,
The sinews of his brawny arms were strong as irons bands."

This would have been a good description of you, Bill, as you and Eva moved to Hickory in 1927 and you began your life work in a blacksmith shop. You worked at this trade for many years, finally retiring at the age of 83 years. You are well remembered by the farmers and other residents of the Hickory community for the many horses which you shod and the many tools and pieces of machinery which you repaired.

You and Eva joined the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church in 1933 and as long as you were able, you took an active part in the work of that congregation serving one term as elder and many years as a trustee. In 1924, you became a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and you had many years of activity in that organization.

Your family consists of two sons and two daughters, and this family group has increased to now include eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. On October 7, 1970 your family and friends helped you celebrate the 50th Anniversary of your marriage.

As you continue to live in Hickory, within sight of the old shop where you spent so many years at hard work, we are glad to welcome you as one of our Golden Age Group and that you may be with us for many more years is the wish of your friends in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and of

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JOHN ALVAN BELL

born February 26, 1889

and

ANNA MAWHINNEY BELL

born February 12, 1888

Married on May 21, 1914, you good folks are among the oldest of the Golden Age couples in our Hickory United Presbyterian Church. We congratulate you on your many years of married life together.

Born and raised in the Peters Township community, you were farmers there until moving to your present farm in Cross Creek Township in 1934. In your former home community, you were members of the Center Presbyterian Church and Mr. Bell there served as a ruling elder.

Upon moving into this community, you very soon showed your interest in our religious life here by joining the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, and here, too, Mr. Bell has served as ruling elder, as have your two sons, John and Ralph. Mrs. Bell, too, has always taken an active interest in church activities, not the least of which was frequently serving as the organist for the Sunday School.

Having always lived on a farm, you have recognized and practiced the dignity and stability which go with rural living, and your life together has been filled with many of the good things which characterize a life in the country. You have been happy and contented to live "under your own vine and fig tree", and to there raise up a family who also have been true to the better things of life.

We regret that the burden of years has made it impossible in recent years to join the rest of us in regular Christian fellowship, for we remember your years of faithful attendance at public worship. We want to take this means of wishing you continued peace and contentment during all your years.

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JOHN E. BELL

John, you arrived on the family farm near Thompsonville in Peters Township on July 11, 1915 where your parents, J. Alvan and Anna Mawhinney Bell lived. You had two brothers, Harlan (now deceased) and Ralph, of Avella, R.D.#1, and a sister, Martha Bell Shakely of Beaver, PA.

You attended school in Peters Township until 1933 when your family moved to a farm "up back of Woodrow", where Ralph still lives. You then attended Hickory High School, graduating in 1935.

While still living in Peters Township, you caddied at the St. Clair Golf Club. You also joined the Center Presbyterian Church where your parents were members. Following your move to Hickory area, you became a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church (now the Hickory U.P.) where you have served as both a Trustee and an Elder.

On November 13, 1939 you married Elva Ahrns, and just last year you celebrated your Golden Wedding Anniversary. You presently live in the home which you built some 40 years ago, out Route 18 toward Washington.

You and Elva have three children, Wayne, Vance and Alice Bell DeAngelis and three grandchildren.

For some 47 years, under 4 different owners, you worked for International Harvester, presently called Bull International. You "retired" from this job in January 1987. However, you have to keep "busy", so you are now "self-employed" doing refrigeration service and other repairs. You also spend as much time as possible visiting and enjoying your children and grandchildren.

The Fireside Club can't really believe that you are 75, but since all of these dates seem to indicate that you are, we want to wish you many more years of "being busy"...at your own pace.

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BERNICE BELL BEAUMARIAGE

Bernice Bell was born May 15, 1907 on a farm near Hickory now known as the "Village Green". Her parents were Robert and Lina Mitchell Bell. At an early age her family moved to the Joseph Hervey farm where Mrs. Elsie Cooper now lives. She is the third daughter with two older sisters Mary and Roberta and a younger sister Volena. She has an adopted brother Denny Newland Bell who now lives with his family in Oregon.

She attended Miller's School, a one-room structure now the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Schofield, until eighth grade when she and her sisters drove a horse and buggy to the Hickory School. She graduated from Hickory High School in 1924. She took her teacher's training courses at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. Her first two years of teaching were at the Alexander School in North Strabane Township. The third year was in her home township, Mt. Pleasant at the Ft. Donaldson School, the last year it was kept open. She drove these first three years of teaching over mud roads in a Model T Ford. She taught the next two terms in Cecil, Pa.

On June 11, 1931 she married Clarence Carter, oldest son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Lee Carter. Together they operated a large Holstein Dairy until his death in January 1970. Their family consisted of three sons, Robert, Elden and Larry and a daughter Gayle, (now Mrs. Harry McDonald).

In 1963 she returned to teaching and taught until she retired in 1972. The last five years she was teacher of the 6th grade in Hickory.

In 1971 she was remarried. She is now the widow of Jules N. Beaumariage and makes her home in Hickory.

Since retiring from teaching she keeps busy caring for elderly patients among whom were Miss Florence Miller, Mr. J. Clarence Paxton and at present Mrs. Hazel Caldwell.

During her elementary school years she took piano lessons under the direction of Miss Ora McCarrell, who was Dr. John McCarrell's Aunt.

Her hobbies are playing the piano, reading and crocheting. She has eleven grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was baptized in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, joined its membership at the age of 12 years and has been faithful in its attendance over the years. She has taught in the Sunday School and has served on the Session for six years.

She has been a member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women some fifty years, having served in the office of President and of Secretary. She was one of the original members of the Firesdie Club.

LUCY BOYD COULTER

Lucy was born in Carnegie, PA. on July 7, 1909 to John A. and Margaret Polen Boyd. She has one brother, now the Reverend Gene William Boyd of Conneaut Lake, PA, and one sister, now Ruth Elizabeth Chubb of Millerstown, PA.

In June 1928 Lucy graduated from Carnegie High School ranking third in a class of 72. She gives credit to her Junior and Senior English teacher, Effie Millvion, for enabling her to speak before people.

In November, 1928, she went to work in the office of Dr. U. F. Rohm in Carnegie. After nine months there she obtained the position as secretary to the Superintendent of schools and enjoyed five years working for Mr. Glasser and Mr. Knarr, the Principal.

Lucy and Alfred A. Coulter were married on July 27, 1934 and for the next thirty years were kept busy raising a family of eight children: Sandra, Elizabeth, Robert Alfred, Sally Louise, Ronald Boyd, Douglas Boyd, followed seven years later by Bonnie May, John Richard and Betsy Anne.

They moved several times, living at Holiday's Cove and Follansbee, W. Va., West End, Pittsburgh, Carnegie, Santiago, Bridgeville, and finally Rea where Lucy still lives in a little house (not the big one the family originally moved into) where her husband, Alfred, died in 1968.

Lucy worked as Secretary-Treasurer of Cross Creek Township at Lee Adamson's request until 1968 when she became a Teacher's Aid at Avella High School. She was happy with this job (except watching study halls) since her two youngest children were still in school. After the second year she worked full time until age 65 when she was asked to retire, much to her dismay.

As a child Lucy attended the Carnegie Presbyterian Church joining Church when she was eleven. For several years she helped at the Heidelberg Mission until her marriage. Several years after her marriage the Coulters united with Bethany Church in Bridgeville. The Reverend Doctor James Potter said it did his heart good to see a Protestant family the size of ours sitting down front. Lucy became active in the choir there and has been in the Hickory U. P. choir for about eighteen years. She hopes the Lord spares her voice as long as she lives so she can sing His praises.

Lucy has also serves as an active Elder for nine years, a teacher in the Worthwhile Daughters Class, an active quilter, and a worker in the Women's Association.

Lucy's faith in the power of the Holy Spirit has sustained her through her husband's three year illness and death, son Robert's motorcycle accident, and several other tragedies. Lucy is still amazed at how the Lord has led her and cared for her throughout her 75 years.

We are happy to wish you many more years under His care and glad to have you in our midst to sing His praises.

The Fireside club

MARY BRADY STEWART

Mary Brady Stewart was born in the home of her parents, William and Rebecca Wheeler Brady on Bethany Pike, near Wellsburg, West Virginia on February 25, 1897. She was one of three children born into this home, the others being her twin brother, George Brady, and another brother, Guy Brady. Her brothers are both now deceased.

When Mary was four years old, the family moved into the neighborhood of the Tent United Presbyterian Church, also in Brooke County, and there she attended the Tent School for the first six grades, then going to the Colliers School for the rest of her education. At the Colliers School, she attended a Normal School course, intending to teach, but illness in her family prevented regular teaching duties. However, she did substitute teaching for a time, this being done at the nearby Goodwill School.

On September 28, 1921 she was united in marriage with Paul G. Stewart of Eldersville, and they went to house-keeping in that town, and there they spent the most of their married life. Paul was employed in the oil and gas industry for many years, and for 39 years his work was with the Peoples Natural Gas Company from which he retired in August 1963.

Paul and Mary were the parents of four children: Sons, Robert of Orlando, Fla. James of Hinckley, Ohio, Jay of Cleveland, Ohio and Daughter, Elma Cunningham of Warrendale, Penna. Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren completed their family circle.

In early life, Mary became a member of the Colliers Christian Church, and in 1937, she joined the Eldersville Methodist Church, where her membership is still held. She and Paul, too, were members of Jefferson Grange 314 at Eldersville. A member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 215 of Burgettstown, Mary served as Worthy Matron in 1941-42.

The Stewarts moved to the Hickory Community in 1971, living here in retirement until Paul's death which occurred, after several weeks illness on February 18, 1975.

Since moving to Hickory, Mary has become an active member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women, and she is a member, also, of the Fort Vance Historical Society. Although suffering from impaired eyesight, Mary keeps busy looking after her flowers, and pursuing a long-time hobby of her work of crocheting and knitting. Her nimble fingers have produced many fine pieces of this intricate work.

Best Wishes for the years ahead are hereby given by your friends in

The Fireside Club

ADA GIPE BAKER

On March 3, 1907 a baby girl Ada Gipe was born to John and Fannie Brandt near Elizabethtown, PA. Ada was the oldest of eight children, having five sisters and three brothers. Her schooling was received at Witmer Grade School. In her teens she started working at the Elizabeth Shoe Factory.

Her family belonged to the Church of the Brethren and it was at their church's camp meeting that she met George Baker, son of a minister. They both were in their early teens. But their romance didn't begin until George was at Penn State when they began corresponding with each other. This casual relationship blossomed and when George graduated from Pennsylvania State College, the couple were married in the home of Ada's parents on August 4, 1929.

In 1979 George and Ada were surprised with a party given by Ada's brothers and sisters to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was a high point in their married life.

Following their marriage, George started teaching in Huntington Mills where they had their first home. Then George started teaching in Mill City and they moved. It was in 1936 that George started teaching Vocational Agriculture in Hickory Vocational School and he retired 34 years later in 1970.

After buying their home on Station Street, Ada decided she wanted to get advanced training in one of her hobbies - hair styling. She graduated from a Beauty Academy in Pittsburgh and ultimately opened a shop in their home. Friends and former customers still wish Ada's shop was open in Hickory.

When George retired they moved back to Elizabethtown and on land inherited from Ada's parents built the home of their dreams with work shop for George and craft and sewing room for Ada. On the outside both enjoyed gardening, landscaping, vegetable and flower gardening.

Ada is an excellent needlewoman. There are some church linens in use at Hickory United Presbyterian Church that are products of her stitchery.

Ada and her husband joined Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church after moving to Hickory. She was very active in Worthwhile Daughters Sunday School Class. Her work and suggestions for furnishing Fellowship Hall are evident today.

The Fireside Club salutes you and think of you in Elizabethtown with fond memories and love.

JUANITA BRODY CORWIN

On August 11, 1908 in McKay, Oklahoma, Harry and Anne Elizabeth Brody welcomed a baby girl, Juanita, their only daughter. When she was six, the family which then included her two brothers, moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas. There they lived with their Grandfather Brody on a small general farm on the Arkansas River. Life in 1914 was very primitive, but everyone was happy and busy.

Juanita's father's work in the silica mines and glass plants meant many moves but her education was gained in Fort Smith. For four years she rode a street car to high school and didn't find it exciting.

In Joplin, Oklahoma, Juanita met Oliver Corwin who worked in his father's grocery store. Despite family opposition, love persevered and the couple ran away to get married. It was three months later before Juanita's mother knew of the ceremony.

Hard times hit and the family grocery business failed. Oliver got a job at Fort Smith and Juanita and he saved their money and bought a small grocery store with living quarters back of the store. When they sold the business, they were able, with the proceeds, to buy a sixteen unit apartment house in Santa Monica, California, which they managed. In 1938 their son Harry was born. In 1942 they bought a house in Westwood, California. Juanita went to work managing the local school cafeteria for fifteen years and helping her son attain his Bachelor, Masters, and Doctorate Degrees at the University of California.

After 41 years of a happy marriage Juanita's husband died in 1969. Meanwhile Juanita's mother had come to live with them and had to be cared for until her death.

When her son Harry got a job as a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, Juanita sold her home in California and got an apartment at Cross Roads, Pa. Since she wanted to live in the country, she was unhappy there. When the Madera farm became available, she bought it; and now her son and his wife and daughters Jennifer and Laurie, live next door to her and have a horse boarding business. When needed Juanita helps with the horses.

Early in life Juanita professed her faith in God and joined the Methodist Church. Since coming to Hickory she has served as a Deacon, is a member of the Women's Association, the Worthwhile Daughters Sunday School Class, and is a member of the quilting group of the Hickory U. P. Church. In the community she is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women and serves on the Township Parks and Recreation Board.

Juanita is an avid reader and Bible student and a good neighbor to all. We salute you and feel blessed that you have become a part of our community. May you enjoy many more years to be happy in God's work serving family, church, and community.

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HELEN J. CALDWELL

Helen, you arrived on October 17, 1913 at the home of your parents, James M. and Bessie Miller Caldwell in Hickory. You were the second of three girls, Louise, yourself, and Mildred K. Nichols. A brother, Jim, came along a bit later after you had moved to Cross Creek. After about two years in Cross Creek, it was back to Hickory and here you stayed.

You were baptized on April 3, 1915 in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, now the Hickory U.P. Church, and became a member when you were 12.

You attended school in Hickory, just up the hill, graduating in 1932. This was "Depression-time", and you did housework for four different families, as well as babysitting at night. You also worked one day a week at the School Library which was sponsored by the Hickory Women's Club. A state librarian came to the Library to instruct you and Mildred Acheson (Dallmeyer) in the mysteries of the Dewey Decimel System, as well as training you how to repair books.

Around 1940 you took a "job" with the Dr. J.R. Maxwell family caring for Mrs. Maxwell who had arthritis and had broken her hip. You stayed with them until August 1946, when you were called home by the sudden death of your mother. Your sister, Louise, was quite ill with TB, and you cared for her until her death just 11 weeks following your mother's death.

A friend, Mildred Herron, talked you into going to Penn Commercial College in Washington. Following completion of the course, you were sent to the Business Office at W & J College for an interview. They wanted an "older woman" and, at "plus thirty", you must have qualified for you were hired as an Accounts Record Clerk, taking care of student accounts, making deposits, etc. You soon became "Accounts Payable" and finally "Payroll Supervisor"! You retired at age 70 after 38 years service.

People must have seen you as being "trustworthy" as you were elected Church Treasurer, an office you filled faithfully for 35 years. You "retired" from that job in 1988 at age 75!

You remain active in church affairs, especially the Worthwhile Daughters Sunday School Class, Presbyterian Women, and the Fireside Club, where you serve as...Treasurer, what else?

The Fireside Club thanks you, Helen, for your many years of service and faithfulness to your church, your family, and your community. We wish for you many more years of..."counting"?

JOHN McWILLIAMS CALDWELL

and HELEN STEWART CALDWELL

John, you were born in Cross Creek Township, near West Middletown on November 13, 1898 to Thomas and Margaret Knox Caldwell. You grew up on your parents' farm, and there learned the duties of a farm boy. With your brother, William, and your sister, Myrtle, you attended the Willow Valley one-room school in Cross Creek Township, and then you took your High School course at Hickory. You attended Bethany College and the extension courses of the University of Pittsburgh, preparing yourself for teaching school.

While attending Hickory High School, you became acquainted with Helen Stewart, who on June 14, 1922 became your wife. Your career as a teacher was spent in the schools of Cross Creek, Jefferson and Independence Townships and in the Avella Joint Schools, retiring from the latter in 1933 after 39 years of service. For many years you coached the Girls' Basketball Teams at the Independence Township High School, and your teams were winners.

Helen, the home of James C. and Margaret Ray Stewart of Woodrow hailed your arrival on July 11, 1898. You were one of three children, since you had a brother, Alvin R. Stewart, now deceased, and a sister, now Mrs. Wilhelmina Carlisle. You attended the Bushy Rock School in Cross Creek Township and went on to Hickory High School, where you met your future husband, John.

Before your marriage, you too taught school in the Avella area, but since June 14, 1922 you have been a wife and home-maker, first in your home on Avella Heights, and later on the farm in the Hickory Community, where you now reside. Six children came to brighten your home, they being three sons: Donald, John T. ("Jack"), and Gerald, and three daughters: Marjorie Curran, Shirley Fryer and Barbara Fasnacht. Now nineteen grandchildren make your family circle more complete.

Since John's retirement from the duties of the school-room, you folks have given your full attention to the operation of your farm, and to the care and maintenance of your home, one of the finest and most attractive in the Hickory Community.

Many more years of happiness and usefulness in your Home and in the Community is the wish of your many friends in the Church and in the

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MARY VIRGINIA CALDWELL

You were born on August 20, 1906 in Washington Pa., the daughter of Joseph Milton and Flora Ella Jane McCarrell Caldwell. You had two brothers, William Howard and Donaldson Milton, and two sisters, Florella McCarrell Caldwell Campbell and Lois Caldwell Davis, all of whom are now deceased.

While you were still quite young, your family moved out of Washington "to the country", the property now owned by John and Blanche Brown. Your Mother died at the age of 42, leaving you 5 children to be raised by your Father and Grand-mother Caldwell.

Virginia, you attended the McCarrell School which was just down the road, the present home of Mabel Cowden. When this school was closed and you had to go to the "new" school in Hickory, you rode on one of the first "school busses" in the state. These "busses" were called "Kid Wagons", being a wagon with seats and a cover, drawn by a team of horses. Your "bus driver" was Mr. Billy Cowden (Dale's grandfather), who drove a fine, strong team over the dirt (and mud) roads. Your bus "route" covered the "old" road down to Woodrow, up past John Caldwell's, across 18 and down to McCarrell Road and into Hickory, many times with the wagon hub-deep in mud.

One of the highlights of this long ride was when Mr. Cowden stopped at Holland's General Store and treated "his kids" to ice cream cones, a real treat for all of you. You can probably still "taste" that ice cream. And you remember how you tried to "make it last" as long as possible. Ruth Paul Snyder (Eleanor Carter's Mom) always was the last one finished--and how the rest of you envied her!

Your Father then bought "the Manse" property from the Mt. Prospect Church. You lived there until you sold it last year to Dick and Doris Errett. Your sister, Florella, and her husband, Walter Campbell, along with their children, shared this home with you. "Aunt Ginny", you were a "2nd Mom" for all those kids, weren't you?

At the time of the Peacock Revival Meetings, you joined the membership of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, where you taught Sabbath School for many years. Although no longer active, you are still a member of what is now the Hickory U. P. Church.

You graduated from Hickory High School in 1925, and then attended the California Normal School, graduating in 1927. (This is now California University of Pa., having come a long way from the "normal school" era.)

Following graduation from California, you started your teaching career which was to span 44 years, all within the schools of Mt. Pleasant Township--Primrose, Westland, and finally Hickory. Many there are within our community who can fondly remember "Miss Caldwell" as their teacher.

Although you have sold your home here, and are now living in McDonald, (111 North St.), your heart, full of many fond memories, is still in Hickory. And how you do enjoy hearing from and seeing your many nieces, nephews, grands, and old friends and neighbors from Hickory.

FLORELLA McCARRELL CALDWELL CAMPBELL

A daughter of J. Milton Caldwell and Flora Ella McCarrell, you were born August 16, 1904 in Washington, Penna. At an early age you moved with your family to a house on the property which is now owned by John C. and Blanche Brown on Route 18. You had two brothers, Howard and Donald and a sister, Lois, all deceased. You and another sister, Virginia, now make your home together in a house which was originally the old Mt. Prospect Church parsonage.

You attended the first few elementary terms in the old McCarrell School, now occupied by John and Mabel Cowden, later going to the Hickory Elementary School and graduating from Hickory High School in 1923.

On June 14, 1928 you and Walter Mason Campbell were married and went to housekeeping on the Campbell homestead which had been taken up as a land grant from the government in 1797. From this union was born Donald, Doris, Robert, Richard and William. All of us shared in your sorrow when your son, Robert, died.

During your youth you became an active member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church Sunday School "King's Daughters Class" which now is The Worthwhile Daughters Class. You joined the church during the "Peacock Revival Services".

For many years you and your husband (now deceased) were active in the Cross Creek Grange #954. As Charter Members of the Fireside Club you and Walter were faithful and active members as long as you both were able to attend.

May you have many more years of usefulness to family and friends,

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ALICE CALDWELL MARQUIS

You were born One Hundred Years ago, on September 22, 1873, the daughter of William and Jane Moore Caldwell, and that event occurred in a house which was located in what is now a part of John Brown's orchard. You were one of twelve children and now you are the last one living of that large family. You received your education in the one-room McCarrell School, now the home of John R. Cowden, just across the road from your present home. Being one of a family of twelve, your childhood was a happy, companionable one, with much time spent doing the chores for such a large house-hold.

On September 19, 1895, you were united in marriage with Kirk Marquis and you became the mother of three daughters: Lela, now deceased, Bernice and Myrtle. While the girls were young, you moved to Hickory and supported yourself and daughters with a home bakery and by doing practical nursing in the Hickory-Avella areas. When Myrtle married Hiram Reedy in 1926, you moved to Sheridan, Penna. to live with your daughter, Lela.

You professed your faith in Christ at an early age, joining in the Christian fellow-ship of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church on August 15, 1890. There you were always active in church affairs, serving as a teacher in the Sunday School, where Elva White Carter was one of your pupils. You belonged to the Womens' Missionary Society, and you served in the various offices, including that of President. For many years, you and your sister, Laura Dinsmore were the church organists. When you moved to Sheridan, you transferred your church membership to the Presbyterian Church there, participating in the same activities, and in addition, doing home mission work for the Church in the Sheridan area.

In 1948, following the death of your daughter, Lela, you moved back to the Hickory area to live with your daughter, Myrtle and your residence now continues in her home. As always, you showed your interest in the work of your old home Church by teaching the Women's Bible Class and by participating in the work of the Women's Missionary Society, now the Womens' Association, and you were also a member of the Community Ladies Aid, assisting in their many community projects. This valuable work you continued as long as your health permitted you to do so, and even in your present advanced age, you are interested in your many relatives and friends in the Big Family of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. May You Continue That Interest! is the fond wish of the members of the Church and of the

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FLORA M. CARLISLE

Flora, Christmas of 1902 was rather disappointing to the Carlisle family, but your arrival on December 27, 1902 renewed their belief in Santa Claus. They still puzzled whether it was "the Stork" or "Santa Clause" who was so kind to leave the package.

You were born in Hickory in the home of your parents Joseph and Angeline McGugin Carlisle. You were a family of five children, four older brothers, all deceased, Joseph Walter, David Elmer, Dr. William Milton, and Clifford Clark.

You attended the Hickory Grade School and entered the Hickory Vocational School in 1917, graduating in 1921. You entered Muskingum College in the fall of 1921, taking up a Normal School Course. You completed your teacher's training by doing summer school work at Penn State. Your first teaching position was in the Westland School, for two years. You came to the Hickory School to a seventh grade group, a self-contained room. Your last five years of teaching under the "New Fort Cherry System" was a sixth grade group, retiring in 1965.

You enjoyed your neices and nephews, near and those far away. The holidays and birthdays of the great neices and nephews are many, another generation now of great, great neices and nephews.

You served as the first president of the Women's Association of Mt. Prospect and taught in the Sunday School for several years. Hearing from former students is always good. Enjoy it! Serving them is better.

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ALVIN DALE CARTER

Alvin Dale Carter was born March 17, 1906, a son of Robert Lee and Annie Small Carter at a farm formerly owned by Clarence Carter. He has two brothers, Clarence, now deceased, and Glenn. When he was three years old, the family moved to his mother's home place, now owned by the Menichi Family. Hickory Grade School furnished his elementary education and Hickory V. H. S. his high school education.

On June 24, 1930 he married his high school sweetheart, Ellen McCarrell. The couple went to housekeeping on the neighboring John Griffith farm and have spent fifty two years of married life on this same farm. Many improvements and new buildings have been added. His entire life has been spent farming, breeding and raising registered Holstein cattle which are the couple's pride and joy.

They are the parents of four children: Lois Anne, wife of Jay Risser, Lancaster, Pa. who have two daughters and a son; McCarrell (Mac) and wife Bertha Lou Corwin (Sis) who have one daughter and two sons; Lee, at home, is Vocational Agriculture teacher at Fort Cherry District; and Jay, at home. All three sons are partners with the farming and dairying operation with Alvin and Ellen.

Early in life Alvin joined the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church. When he married he became a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church where he was elected Ruling Elder. He is now a member of the Hickory U. P. Church formed by the merger of these two churches.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association, held offices in the Wabash Local of the Joiner Dairymen's Cooperation Association, now Milk Marketing Inc.

In June 1980 Alvin and Ellen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and are looking forward to their 60th celebration.

W. EVERETT CARTER

You were born on a farm in Mt. Pleasant Township on May 8, 1897 to W. Vance and Sadie Williamson Carter. Your childhood was a busy and active one for you had two brothers and seven sisters. You were educated in a one room school near Primrose. Your Father was a farmer who rented various farms before buying the farm that is now owned by the Stritzinger Family in Cross Creek Township. Life was very different then from what it is now, for most of the food which the family ate was produced on the farm, and your clothing was home-produced, too.

Necessities of life, not grown on the farm, were bought at the nearest general store. That nearest store for your family was McGugin's at Woodrow. The word "store" doesn't completely describe the business, for it was a gathering place for the people of the neighborhood to exchange news, discuss politics, both local and national, and for you, these trips to the store led to romance.

Elva White who lived nearby was a clerk in Mr. McGugin's store. It so developed that trips to the store were not always for home needs, but on many an occasion you went there for the sole purpose of seeing Elva. This mutual interest culminated in your marriage on November 24, 1915, nearly sixty years ago. On that happy day, you and Elva boarded the train for Pittsburgh and there the marriage ceremony was performed.

You then took up farming on your own, renting various farms throughout the district. A son, Eugene, and a daughter, Ethel, came on to the scene to brighten your home. After moving from farm to farm, Elva counts the moves to be around eighteen. After so many years, you gave up farming, and moved to Woodrow where you bought Elva's old home, re-modeled it and it has been your home since 1935.

Before your retirement, you had employment at the McDonald Ice Plant, on the State Highway crews, and later at the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Early in life, you joined the fellowship of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, and after locating at Woodrow, you and Elva transferred your membership to the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, now the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

All Good Wishes are sent to you on this occasion by

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Since the above sketch was compiled, death has taken from our midst, our friend and neighbor, William Everett Carter. We take this means of extending to his widow and to the family our sincere condolences on this sad event. The Fireside Club

IDA CERESA DONATI

You were born in Avella, Pa. on October 26, 1907, to Louis Ceresa and Vittoria Reghetti Ceresa and were the third of six children. Your father worked in the coal mines until 1912 when you moved to the Porter farm in Hanlin Station, Pa. At the age of five you started to school at the Lee School House. You well remember your first grade teacher who was Mr. Todd.

In 1918 your family moved to McDonald, R. D. 4, on the Sam Farrar farm where you lived until 1921 when you moved to Italy staying until 1924. When you returned to the United States, your family settled on the Tom Brown farm in Langeloth, Pa.

You met John Donati in 1925 and were married on June 9th of the same year. You settled on the Oglevie farm and lived there for 39 years. During that time your four children, John, Jr., June, Dorothy and William were born. While your family was growing up, your husband farmed and worked at J. & L. in Aliquippa, Pa. until 1967 when you moved to McHenry, Maryland, on Deep Creek Lake. Since returning to Hickory and building your home on Dire Drive, you spend your winters in Trailer Estates, Bradenton, Florida.

When in Hickory in the summers your home is a show place of beautiful flowers, and we are glad that you return here each Spring. The members of Fireside Club wish you many more years of enjoyment of your two homes.

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ELLA CLOWES HOPPER

You were born on March 10, 1894, in Knoxville, Penna. the second oldest of five children born to Ellen Parry and Stephen C. Clowes. You have one surviving sister, Mary, who lives in Deltona, Florida.

As a young woman you were employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Your love of music led to your playing for and singing in the choir of the First Methodist Church of Carnegie, Penna. At one time you took music lessons from Miss Eila Perrin who later lived in Hickory and who was known to many of us as a fine musician. As a pupil of hers, you received a fine education in music which has been your hobby and a chief interest for many years.

On October 24, 1923, you were united in marriage with Joseph Caldwell Hopper and you went to live in Bridgeville. Four children were born to you and your husband. During the time when you were raising your family, you were the Director of the choir of the Bethany Presbyterian Church for about ten years. In 1942, you and your family moved to a farm near Hills Station, and in 1953 to the farm near Bulger where you now reside with your daughter, Dorothy and your son, Joseph.

In 1954, after the death of your husband, you did not wish to be idle, so you returned to work. First, you were with the Evangeline Residence for Girls in Pittsburgh, then at the Earl Wheeler School in the William Penn Hotel as a house-mother. From there you went to the Robert Morris Junior College as a dorm mother at the Moon Township Campus. Your work with young people has kept you younger than your years would indicate, and this has given you a youthful outlook on life.

You are fortunate now that you can spend the winter months in Clearwater in Florida. When you return to the farm for the summer months, you can spend your time with your four grandchildren and your daughter, Dorothy and your two sons, Joe and Bob. Your friends suffered with you in the death of your other daughter, Eleanor Bedillion.

When you are in residence in the summer months on the farm, you are faithful in attendance at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. We are happy that you can enjoy the sunshine of Florida but are glad to welcome you back each year. It is our pleasure to welcome you again and to number you among our Golden Agers. Your fellow church members are proud to know you and we honor you for a full industrious and useful life, and that your years of usefulness may continue is the wish of your friends in

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WALTER E. COOPER

and

ELSIE McCOWAN COOPER

Walter E. Cooper born July 22, 1896 and Elsie McCowan, born June 1, 1900, were united in marriage 55 years ago, on July 8, 1920. Walter served in the Marines during World War I, and as a result of that service, he holds membership in the American Legion Post at Imperial, Pa. where he is one of only three surviving members of the Post. Following the War and his marriage, he became an engineer with the Imperial Natural Gas Company, but he soon gave up that work to engage in farming. During World War II, he was a member of the draft board at Bridgeville, Pa.

Elsie graduated from the Oakdale, Pa. High School and attended Grove City College, intending to become a teacher, but she served only one year in the public schools, since their marriage intervened and "married women did not teach in those days". But she did serve as President of the Parent-Teacher Association.

After marriage, the Coopers lived on a farm at Murdocksville for 5 or 6 years, then on another farm at Sturgeon and they came to their present farm in Mt. Pleasant Township in 1943. In 1924, Mr. Cooper began driving a milk truck hauling milk to the plants in Pittsburgh, and he carried on this business in connection with his farm until just a few years ago. Their farm of over 200 acres is one of the best in the area, having formerly belonged to the James Miller Family, and to Joseph W. Hervey, both of whom were good farmers and who cared well for the soil. Mr. Cooper is a good judge of land and an energetic tiller of the soil, and his farm has produced well.

Now partially retired due to their years and declining health, Walter and Elsie maintain an active interest in the Community and in their family. They were parents of two daughters: Elsie Parker who is deceased, and Mary Louise Brown, who lives nearby and who keeps a watchful eye on her parents. There are three grandchildren.

Walter is a member of Mt. Prospect Cemetery Assn. while Elsie has been a long time member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women and they both belong to the Fireside Club whose other members extend all Good wishes to Walter and Elsie.

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CLAIR VAN COWDEN

On September 14, 1909 a third son was born to Martha Mitchel Cowden and Van Eman Lindsey Cowden on the Crowley farm near where Fort Cherry High School now stands.

"Nemmy", as this little boy was called, remembers at the age of 3 moving by horse and wagon to a newly bought farm at the far end of Mt. Pleasant Township. Due to old school agreements the Cowden children attended school in Cecil Township. Clair or "Curly" as he was now called, graduated from "Venice High" in 1927. That Summer he commuted by train to Pittsburgh and frequently walked from downtown to Pitt for classes.

In the Fall of 1927 Clair began his teaching career with special permission from the county authorities which had to be renewed every three months since he was not yet eighteen at the beginning of the school year. This year was spent at Westland school teaching all grades. Some of the students were bigger than their teacher.

Clair's next two years were spent furthering his college education at Slippery Rock College. He later taught in Cecil Township at the McConnell school, at Montour and at Southview. He also served as principal at Hendersonville.

After college Clair met and married Margaret Elizabeth Boyle (Bettye). Early in their courtship he told her he was going to farm, and he did so renting a house built before the Civil War and 16 acres of land. Later as the family of three sons and two daughters arrived he rented eighty acres, an old house, and barn.

Nine years later Clair taught his last year and moved to Fulton Farm in North Strabane Township where he farmed happily until the barn burned after two and one half years. After an unsuccessful search for a farm to rent, a 200 acre farm in Cross Creek Township finally became available and another move was made in 1948 into a big red brick farm house. For the past eleven years Clair and Bettye have lived in a new house high on a ridge outside of Hickory.

A trip to Ethiopia to visit their daughter Anita and to celebrate 40 years of marriage was a special event in Clair's life. He has made numerous other trips to Florida and out West.

Clair has fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who keep him young in spirit. His affiliation with the Hickory Church has resulted in several terms as an Elder and membership in the Men's Bible Class and Fireside Club.

Your fellow Fireside Club members are happy to honor you and wish for you a long and rewarding life of continued service to church and community.

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J. ARD COWDEN

and

JENNY GLADYS McCALMONT COWDEN

Ard, you were born on March 11, 1890 in Jefferson County, Ohio the son of Thomas McCarrell and Rachel Welch Cowden. Your Mother died when you were five months old, and your Father brought his two motherless boys, Lee and Ard to be raised by your grandparents and himself. The Cowden household to which you were brought included two maiden aunts, Martha and Dora, and a cousin, Maude Reed, who later married Elmer Carlisle. Your grandmother died when you were seven years old, and as you once expressed it yourself, "I grew up just like Topsy". Stories are numerous of how your cousin, Bill Reed, Lee and yourself got into mischief - playing in the forbidden granary and getting locked in, hitching a heifer to a two-wheeled cart and subsequently breaking the cart wheel, having a pet lamb which ate Maude's flowers, and, finally, what we call "hot-rodding" today, with a spirited horse hitched to a light vehicle and bouncing out Aunt Dora's newly repaired churn, forgetting to repair it and Aunt Dora lost a whole churning of cream, all due to your and Lee's forgetfulness.

You joined the Venice United Presbyterian Church when you were twelve years of age. In 1914, you moved to Hickory, living in the house where you now reside. You were educated in the local schools and later took a course at Pennsylvania State College, where you studied agriculture and dairying, which has been your life work.

In 1916, you were united in marriage with Gladys McCalmont, a local girl who was born on the McCalmont Farm here in Mt. Pleasant Township. She was a daughter of James A. and Anna Farrar McCalmont, and you have traveled life's road together for nearly fifty seven years. Gladys was educated in a one-room school located near her home, and she graduated from Washington High School. She walked to school the one and one-half miles without effort, since she had learned to walk at an early age. The story is told that she once started out walking with her brother, Robert and sister, Mary, on their way to Hickory. When near their destination, they were stopped by Mr. Tom Berryhill and sent back home. Gladys taught school at Buffalo, driving there from the home farm.

On December 27, 1916, you went to house-keeping at the home farm here in Mt. Pleasant Township. Into that home were born three sons and three daughters. Both of you became members of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, where you served as a ruling elder and also as Superintendent of the Sunday School. You have both been active in farm and community organizations and farm co-operatives. You were honored by the Oakdale Mutual Fire Insurance Company for many years of service in that organization.

When you observe the 57th anniversary of your marriage on December 27, 1973, there will go to you good folks the best wishes and congratulations of your many friends and also the felicitations of

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SARAH ELSIE COWDEN

Your parents, Don M. and Ida Weaver Cowden were married on March 16, 1910 and you arrived exactly one year later. You than spent many years trying to convince your parents that March 16th was your birthday, NOT their wedding anniversary.

You were born in the farmhouse on Hornhead Road near Hickory where you would spend the next 74 years of your life. Only last year, March 1985, did you finally move from the house to a lovely apartment in Houston - a major hurdle. But what a comfortable, spacious apartment you have, with room for your treasured heirlooms - and now cows to chase or fences to fix! (You even have a small flower garden and tomato "patch").

You graduated from Hickory High School in 1928, and the College of Wooster in 1932. Your first teaching job was in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at Venice. You taught there until the Spring of 1936 when you were asked to finish the year at Hickory High School for Margaret Post. This you did, arriving in time to "inherit" the Senior Class Play, "Growing Pains", already into rehearsal. Except for the fact that the leading man ended up on crutches the day of the performance, your first attempt at play directing was a success . . . as was your last, some 40 years and probably 44 plays later, when the production in 1976 was "Antigone" at Fort Cherry. You consider this to be one of your favorites in all the years. (The writer of this however - The "Campbells" would never have come to town without her help, and where would the Lions' Club be if they hadn't?)

From the Spring of 1936, when you first arrived at Hickory High School, until the Spring of 1976, when you retired from your teaching position at Fort Cherry High School, you faithfully served the community and your students by holding before them the highest standards any teacher could possibly have. Probably the most difficult classes to teach are English grammar and English/American literature. And yet you came through with flying colors MOST of the time. Your Master of Letters degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1942 attested to your own enjoyment of the vast array of literary classics, especially the plays of your friend, William Shakespear. How you must have struggled year after year to make them "come alive" for your less interested students!

S.E.C. . . . S.E.C. . . . We can only wonder, Elsie, how many thousands upon thousands of times you scratched your initials on hall passes, excuse slips, notes., etc. during your lifelong career of teaching!

You have done extensive traveling here and there in this country, as you and Milocent Herriott and others spent part of every Summer on the road. In 1972 you took your first big trip, going to England to see firsthand some of the Haunts of the Literary giants about whom you were teaching. In 1984, you ventured even further, as you went to Europe, Austria and the Passion Play at Oberammagau in particular . . . truly a high point in anyone's travel exeprience.

You are now a "lady of leisure" in the eyes of some, but for those who know you best, there can be no such thing. You are active as a volunteer at the Houston Library. You are a faithful participant and supporter of the Westland U. P. Church, although your membership is with the Venice U. P. Church. You are now thinking about, and looking forward to, volunteer work at the Presbyterian Senior Care Center in Washington, where you have already done some work reading to the residents.

MARGARET ELIZABETH COWDEN

Margaret Elizabeth (Bettye) Cowden, also known as Mother Bike Liz, was born December 10, 1911 on South Side Canonsburg on a record breaking high temperature Sunday morning. Ever since she has been comfortable in temperatures that singe her husband's whiskers. She is the daughter of William F. and Eva Johnston Boyle. Bettye's sister, the late Hazel Maurer, was ten years older.

She was educated in Canonsburg schools and completed nurses training at the Canonsburg Hospital. She worked as an L.P.N. in Washington Hospital for 22 years and retired in 1976 to devote more time in her efforts to polish her husband's behavior.

Some 52 plus years ago, Bettye and Clair V. Cowden were married in Wellsburg, W. VA. They set up house keeping in a small tennant house on the Lawrence Cowden farm.

Bettye joined the Chartiers Hill U. P. Church in 1930 and has been a member of the Hickory U. P. Church (formerly the Mt. Prospect Church) for about 37 years.

For over 50 years she has been the best wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmom to her own as well as to others. Carol is the wife of Gerald Caldwell; Guy, now on the farm in the big house (former home of A. D. White); Van husband of Bonnie Lee (Dunkle) Cowden in the former tennant house on the farm; Anita now working on her Doctor Degree at the University of Alabama in Birmingham; and Jere, married to Sharon (Tall) Cowden lives in Shadyside, Pittsburgh. She is grandmom to 14, great grandma to 8 in addition to several children and grandchildren not by blood, but by choice, who are in need of a mother or grandmother.

Bettye is a member of the Fireside Club, Worthwhile Daughters Sunday School Class, the Women's Association and the Cross Creek Village Grange.

RUTH COX CLARKE

An "import" from Greene County, Ruth, you were born near Waynesburg, PA. at Fonner's Run, on January 17, 1911 to Jesse and Electa Thompson Cox. You were in the "middle" of three girls with an older sister, Irene, and a younger sister, Lucille.

You and your family moved to Dunn's Station when you were nine years of age. You attended schools in the Trinity School District, riding the old W & W (Waynesburg-Washington) Railroad. After graduating from Trinity High School, you attended and graduated from Washington Business School. It was then "Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to work I go" -- as a secretary with the Edward R. Patterson Law Firm in Waynesburg.

But there was a "friend from high school" not far away, and on April 12, 1930 you and Glenn Clarke were married. You and Glenn were the parents of two girls -- Marilyn Maskarinec (now deceased) and Donna Zimmerman with whom you make your home in Hickory.

In 1940, you and Glenn bought a farm near Hickory -- down McCarrell Road. You helped "run the farm" for many years but finally re-entered the "working world", first at W & J, then for twelve years in the Hospitality Shop at Washington Hospital. (This is not to infer that being a farmer's wife isn't "work"!) You retired on May 31, 1977 from the Hospitality Shop position.

Glenn died suddenly on October 9, 1974 while you were on a much-anticipated vacation up in New York state. You have since sold the farm and have a home in Hickory, but not all that far away from the farm. You joined the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church (now the Hickory U.P. Church) when you came to Hickory in 1940, and you are still an active member of the congregation.

Along with your four grandchildren, you have four great-granddaughters to enjoy. (Your family does seem to like girls, doesn't it?)

The Fireside Club is happy to honor you at this time -- and wishes you many, many hours of enjoying those great grandchildren.

FLORENCE BRITT

You were born at West Alexander, Pa. on October 10, 1900 to Joseph G. and Nannie Reed Craig. You had no lack of playmates since you were one of eleven children, eight of whom are still living.

Your grade school days were spent in a one room school with one teacher for all eight grades and taking care of all the janitorial duties which included caring for a coal stove. You later attended the West Alexander High School.

On October 30, 1921 you were united in marriage to William Britt by the Rev. Jacob Ruble of West Alexander. You lived on a farm in West Virginia and three children were born there, Grace and identical twins, Mary and Martha. You are blessed with seven grandchildren.

You were a member of the West Alexander Presbyterian Church and after moving to a farm in Hickory in 1933 you joined the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church and are now a member of the Hickory U. P. Church.

Aside from your family duties you found time to crochet and make lovely hooked rugs and quilts, some of which you sold to interested visitors. You are also a member of the Hickory Farm Women's Club.

After the death of your husband in 1962 you gave up farm life and moved into Hickory.

Best wishes for the years ahead are extended to you by your many friends of

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ILA CUMMINS FORNEY

Ila Cummins, youngest daughter of Frank L. and Carrie Ayers Cummins, was born on May 3, 1908 in Washington, PA. Ila has an older brother, Glenn, and two sisters, Jeanette Hamilton and Ethel Hutchison. She first attended the Bushy-Rock School in Cross Creek Township. Later, when her parents moved to a farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, she attended the one-room Miller's School which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schofield. Many are the fond memories of walking home with the 'Bell girls', her closest neighbors. Her very favorite teacher was Laura Cooper, who later became Mrs. A. D. White.

On August 16, 1928, she was married to Daniel Curlis Forney. The following year they moved to Penn State College where Curlis helped with the construction of one of the main college buildings. They were the parents of two sons, Daniel and James.

"D. C. Forney and Sons" were well known in this community as fine carpenters. They were the "builders" of our very own Fellowship Hall, and later our new addition of parlor, choir room, and Christian Education rooms, of which we are justly proud.

The Forneys loved to travel, especially to Florida, having gone there several times. In 1969, they drove to California and later across Canada and many of the states.

Ila loves to bake and cook and help with the gardening and caring for flowers. At one time one of her hobbies was embroidering and for many years she has been collecting dolls until now she has more than one hundred.

While always a busy homemaker, she enjoys being a member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women and the Fireside Club. The Forneys have long been faithful members of the now Hickory U. P. Church.

Since Mr. Forneys death, May 4, 1973, Ila still continues to travel. Her first flight was to Hawaii in 1975. She has been on 3 cruises - first to the Virgin Islands and second to Venezuela, South America and third to Alaska.

Ila is very devoted to her home and family. She has a beautiful country home near Rea which she has recently refurbished. She has 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Fireside Club extends Best Wishes to you.

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ETHEL CHRISTINE CUMMINS HUTCHINSON

You were born on November 27, 1901, one of five children in the family of Frank and Carrie Ayers Cummins. You attended grade school in Washington, as well as at the Bushy Rock and Miller schools. Although you did not graduate from high school, you undertook a nurse's training course at the old City Hospital in Washington. You then did private duty nursing.

Not satisfied with this career, you attended beauty school in Pittsburgh. At one time you operated a beauty shop here in Hickory.

On May 18, 1936 you embarked on still another career - that of being a farmer's wife. On that date, in Wellsburg, West Virginia, you married John Hutchinson and soon settled on the farm where you still make your home. You became quite adept at raising chickens, driving a tractor and being a "Jill of all trades". You also found time to raise one daughter, Jean.

A "Golden Years" career has developed for you, as you have become Hickory's Grandma Moses. Your beautiful paintings have been displayed at our Mt. Pleasant Township Community Day exhibits and greatly enjoyed by all who saw them. You have two grandsons, Jerry and Jay Ferris, so can be "legally" called "Grandma Hutchinson".

Your community involvement has included membership in the Mt. Pleasant Township Farm Women's Society and the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church (now the Hickory U. P. Church). Your mother, Carrie Cummins, was honored by the Fireside Club in its FIRST "Golden Memories" book, in 1973, when she was 100 years of age. It is our pleasure to honor you and wish you many more years of painting.

EDITH DAVIDSON BRIGGS

You were born on June 1, 1894 to Hampton and Lee Caldwell Davidson. Your childhood years were spent on your Father's farm (now owned by Antonio, Piacenza) along with your four sisters and two brothers. Early school days were spent at the Fort Donaldson one-room school near your home, and you graduated from the Hopewell Township High School at Buffalo Village. After attending the Normal School in Canonsburg, you taught school for several years at the Cedar Grove School in Cross Creek Township and then at the Fort Donaldson School.

On March 4, 1920, you were united in marriage with Griffith Stewart Briggs. Your marriage was blessed with two daughters, Josephine and Beryl, and five sons, Robert, Roy, Arley, Kay and Ross. All of your children are married and live in or not far from the Hickory area.

In early life, you joined the fellowship of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and you now continue as a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Two of your sons and their families also belong to this Church. You have always had a keen interest in your home Church and in its activities, and now that you are unable to attend worship services, you keep up with the activities of the congregation through your contacts with your sons and their families.

Throughout your life, you have loved music. You are blessed in having a good alto voice and you sang in the choir of the Church in your younger days. You were a member of the Worthwhile Bible Class and the Womens' Association, attending their classes and meetings as you were able to do so. You also were an active member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women.

Your husband was employed as a driller in the oil fields for many years, which required him to be away from home all week, returning on week-ends. Those occasions when he was at home were busy ones for you and the family. Griffith's years of retirement were short and life was saddened for you and the family when he died on August 13, 1963 after forty-four years of marriage.

One of your hobbies in life has been crocheting. Many friends and members of your family prize afghans that are the result of your busy crochet hook.

Nineteen grandchildren and two great/grandchildren provide a continuing interest in your family. Although your health has not been good in recent years, it is our hope that your interest in your family, your Church and your Community may continue, and we send all good wishes for the years ahead.

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OLIVE DAVIDSON COWDEN

You were born not far from the Hickory Community on a farm in Hopewell Township, to Henry Lawton and Lavenia Maxwell Davidson on November 13, 1895. You were one of eight children born to that couple.

You spent your early years on the farm, attending the Hopewell Township Schools and then you came to Hickory for your High School course. To show your love and compassion for others, you decided to become a nurse. After training for many months at Washington Hospital, you took a position at the Sanitarium, now the Presbyterian Home, in Washington, as a practical nurse. You continued in this work until your marriage to Kline Cowden on October 15, 1925.

You and Kline, who was better known as "Curley", set up house-keeping in Hickory, and you raised two sons, William, now living near Eldersville, and Dale, whose home is in Mt. Pleasant Township, on Washington, R. D. 1. You also helped raise two grandchildren, and you now have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

You and Kline were, for many years, faithful members of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, and in that congregation, you were a member of the Women's Missionary Society, and you also taught the fourth and fifth graders in the Sabbath School. It was quite a job to keep those children interested but you managed very well. You belong to the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women and have been active in it for much of your life.

Your many friends sorrowed with you in the sudden death on May 24, 1974 of your beloved husband, and we regret that your own health does not permit you to live alone in your own home. Best Wishes are sent to you by your friends in the Hickory Church to which you now belong and by the

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BEATRICE ELIZABETH DAVIS HERRIOTT MILLER

Beatrice Elizabeth Davis Herriott Miller was born January 2, 1909, to John and Mary Nevergall Davis, in Santiago, Pa. This little mining town had three names - Santiago, Tyre, and North Star.

Bee, as she is always called, started to school in North Fayette Township. When she was in 6th grade, her family moved from a farm near Santiago to a farm near Imperial, Pa. From there she attended Findly Vocational High School graduating in 1926.

Further education was gained from Indiana State College in Indiana, Pa., and in 1952 she received her degree in Elementary Education from the University of Pittsburgh.

Twenty eight years of her life were spent as an elementary teacher in Mt. Pleasant Township, 12 years at the Westland school and 16 years at Hickory school where she was a familiar figure walking to school and home at night carrying a heavy brief case. In 1974 she retired having taught close to 900 students - a record of which to be very proud.

Bee was first married to Samuel H. Herricctt, and they were the parents of one son, Samuel, who works in Ohio. Mr. Herriott passed away in 1952. Later Bee married Gaylord L. Miller who passed away in 1978.

Through the years Bee has been a member of the Hickory U. P. Church, the Worthwhile Daughter's Sunday School Class, the Women's Association, and Fireside Club. She also belongs to the Hickory Women's Club and Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women. In each of these organizations she has held numerous offices and served well in each.

She belongs to the National, State, and Washington County Retired Teachers' Association.

Bee's hobbies include quilting, reading, and caring for her own and numerous stray cats and kittens. She is too tender-hearted to turn any away. Bee is also an avid baseball and football fan and enjoys watching as many games as possible.

Your friends wish you many more years of enjoyable and active retirement. Fireside Club extends to you our Good Wishes.

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JOHN CAMERON DINSMORE and

ETHEL LANIER DINSMORE

The Dinsmores are one of the real pioneer families of south-western Pennsylvania. The first of the name to come here was James Dinsmore who was born in Ireland in 1742 and he came to America when he was about twenty years of age. He settled on Miller's Run in what is now South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, Penna in 1772, taking up there a tract of land to which he gave the patent name of "Land of Canaan". He lived on that tract until 1795 when he sold that property and bought Huntingdon Farm in Canton Township in Washington County moving there and making that his home until his death on April 20, 1817.

John Cameron Dinsmore, a great-great-grandson of this old pioneer, was born on the old Dinsmore tract in South Fayette Township on March 27, 1897, the youngest in the family of William McClay and Elizabeth Slater Dinsmore. When he was quite small, the family moved to the former John M. Miller farm just east of Hickory in Mt. Pleasant Township, and that has been John's home since that time. During the life-time of his parents, the family were members of the Miller's Run Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) Church and John's membership remained in that congregation until 1928 when he joined the fellowship of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, now the Hickory United Presbyterian Church

John graduated from Hickory High School, and then took over the operation of the home farm, which is now being operated by his son, Glenn Dinsmore. While in High School, John became acquainted with, and also fell in love with one of his fellow students, Miss Ethel Lanier. Ethel was born on November 9, 1898 at Mt. Pleasant, West Virginia, her parents being Francis M. and Viola Archer Lanier. With her parents, Ethel was a member of the West Middletown Christian Church. She and John were married at Washington, Pa. on May 20, 1920 by the Rev. Dr. Alexander. In 1928, Ethel joined the Mt. Prospect Church with her husband.

The Dinsmores have been noted as being good farmers and sheep breeders and this tradition John C. and Ethel carried on in the operation of their farm. They owned good land and were always able to get good production from the acres which they tilled.

Into their home were born three children:

Elizabeth Viola (Betty) who is a school nurse and the wife of James Dallmyer.

Elsie Jane, who married Forrest Clarke, and who is now deceased.

William Glenn, who is married to the former Norma Wilkinson.

There are twelve grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

John and Ethel are members of the Fireside Club, of the Adult Bible Classes of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, and Ethel belongs to the Women's Association of the Church and the Farm Women's Club of Mt. Pleasant Township.

This testimonial conveys to Ethel and John the Best Wishes of

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John Donati

John Donati was born in the home of his parents, Anthony and Madalena Pandolfi Donati on January 1, 1901 in Introbio, Italy. He was the oldest of ten children in this family. His parents came to America in 1905 when John was four years old, and they settled in the small mining town or Erie Mine, near Burgettstown. In 1908, the family returned to Italy, and remained there until John was eight years old, and once again, they came back to America and settled at Erie Mine where Mr. Donati worked in the mine until 1913.

In 1922, Mr. Donati purchased the Tom Lee farm in Jefferson Township and son, John remained on this farm with his parents and helped to farm the land until 1925. On June 9th of that year, John married Ida Ceresa and they moved on to the Oglevie farm, adjoining his father's farm in Jefferson Township. Their family of four children were all born in the home on this farm. Two sons of John and Ida's, John Anthony and William Louis both live in Hickory; of their two daughters June Donati Teata lives in Buffalo, N. Y. and Dorothy Donati Marcucci lives in Burgettstown.

John combined farming and mill work for in 1951, he went to work for J & L Steel Company at Aliquippa, PA. He retired from farm work in 1967, when they moved to McHenry, Maryland on Deep Creek Lake, living there until 1974 when they built the home in which they live on Dire Drive here in Hickory.

John says that he enjoys his retirement since he keeps busy with his flowers and a vegetable garden at the home in Hickory during each summer, and he and Ida spend their winters at Trailer Estates at Bradenton, Florida.

MARY DOWNIE WHITE

What a surprise you were when you arrived in Beaver Falls, Penna. on November 8, 1895, not as one child, but as part of a pair. You and your twin brother, John Lincoln, startled your parents, Mattie Vale and Robert Magee Downie, as well as the whole College Hill neighborhood. Your older brothers and sisters were all dis-believing, too -- Vale, now deceased, Anna Jane, also deceased, Regina, a retired M. D., and Rex, a retired draughtsman.

You soon educated the entire family to the fact that the female of the species was NOT THE WEAKER SEX!! and that you could keep up with any of your brothers when it came to baseball, basket-ball and cars. (All of these activities were done wearing your brothers' knickers, much to the chagrin of the "ladies" of the neighborhood, and totally un-heeded by your parents.)

You attended College Hill Grade School and then enrolled in the Geneva Prep. School. From this to Geneva College from which institution you graduated in 1919, following in the foot steps of your Father and of your older brothers and sister. At the age of twelve years, you had lost your Mother in an accident, and in 1918, your twin brother was lost when his ship went down at sea.

Entering the teaching profession, you eventually turned up at the Hickory Vocational High School in 1920, and you taught in that school until 1923. During your early years in Hickory, you formed a Girl Scout Troop, among the first to be organized in western Pennsylvania. You have maintained your interest in scouting and received the Girl Scout Thanks Badge several years ago. Other honors have come to you in recognition of your work in Scouting.

Also, during your teaching in Hickory, you became acquainted with a "local yokel", J. Thompson ("Tom") White, a son of John P. and Zan McCalmont White. You were married to Tom on April 19, 1924 and settled on the farm where you still live. Your family consists of three daughters - Martha Beard, Ruth White and Mary Vale Torrance. All three of these girls followed in your foot-steps, as they attended and graduated from Geneva College, and then entered the teaching profession, as well as continuing your interest and participation in the Girl Scouts.

In the Church and Community, you have been active in the Hickory Women's Club, and with Tom, you became a charter member of the Fireside Club when it was organized in 1938. You were active in the former Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, in the Worthwhile Daughters Bible Class, and in the Women's Association, and you continue as a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Tom died in April, 1963 and you and your daughter, Ruth have stayed on the home farm, continuing your residence there. You have five living grand-children and two are deceased.

For all of your varied interests in life, and for the fine contributions which you have made to the entire Hickory Community during your years among us, we salute you and extend the Best Wishes of your many friends in

The Fireside Club

HELEN EGBERT SCOUVART

You were born at Imperial, Penna. on March 8, 1884 to Nichols and Philomena Egbert, and so you were eighty-nine years of age earlier this year. You moved to McDonald when you were five years old and your education was secured in the Public Schools of that town.

You became acquainted with a young store manager from Cecil, Pa. and he courted you and this led to your marriage to Frank Scougart in 1900. In 1905, you moved to the new town of Avella where you owned and operated a hardware store. You worked by your husband's side in this mercantile venture, and at the same time you raised the four children who were born into your home.

You suffered the loss of your husband by death in 1937, but you continued to live in Avella until 1948 when you moved to Hickory and you have been a resident of our town since that time. For some years after you located in Hickory, you continued to spend some time visiting among your children, but in these last few years, you have felt more secure in your own apartment.

Your fine family has increased to include 11 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren, in whom you take great pride. May Your Tribe Increase!

Mrs. Scougart, we are glad to have you in our Golden Age group in the Hickory Church and Community, and that you may have many more happy and healthy years among us is the wish of your many friends and of

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ELIZABETH FARNER MARKISH

You were born on a farm in Burgettstown, Pa. to James M. and O'ella Neil Farmer on July 29, 1905. You first attended the Tenan School, which was a one room school, until 1918 when you went to Burgettstown Elementary School and then to Union High School. During those early years your family were members of the Westminster Church where your father was an Elder for thirteen years.

In 1929 you came to Hickory and married John Markish. For some years after that you were kept busy raising your six children: John, Mary, David, James - who passed away in 1973 -, Samuel, and Thomas. In 1948 Mr. Markish died leaving you with a growing family to keep.

For many years you worked in the telephone office of the Hickory-Woodrow Telephone Co. before the new building was built. After that you cared for many invalids and shut-ins in the community. Many of the families of these individuals say they could not have done without your help.

You are now blessed with twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and consider yourself retired. Your many friends and neighbors say you are still a "Good Samaritan" and can be counted on in an emergency.

In 1973 you transferred your membership in the United Presbyterian Church in Hickory to the Nazarene Church in Atlasburg, Pa. where you have served as the pianist for the past six years.

May you enjoy many more years of "retirement".

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JULIANA FORTUNE ALDERSON

You were born on September 6, 1898 at Gladden, Penna. to Mr. and Mrs. Julian Fortune. You and your sister (now deceased) were very close in age and shared a happy childhood together.

After attending school you worked at the pottery and can factory in Canonsburg until your marriage to John Wesley (Wes) Alderson. Mr. Alderson came from a large family of 10 boys and 2 girls. He was a coal mine foreman and superintendent for several years and during part of your early married life you lived in Avella.

You were the parents of one son, Vern, who attended Hickory High School, graduating in 1934, and now living in Arizona after retiring as a superintendent of schools in 1974. It has given you much pleasure to be able to visit your son and his wife in Sun City during the years since they have been out there.

From 1932 until 1956, when your husband died, you and he operated a Clover Farm Food Store in Hickory. In 1927 you had become co-owners of a grocery store in Midland and, consequently, had a good deal of experience in the grocery business. Living next door to the store in Hickory kept you busy, often night and day, supplying the needs of the town before the days of city supermarkets. When you closed the store you remodeled the building into apartments and have lived next door ever since that time.

Not one to relax and do nothing, you went to Pittsburgh to beauty school and became a licensed beautician, then worked in beauty shops in Canonsburg and Upper St. Clair for more than 13 years. Later you operated your own shop in your home in Hickory until the Fall of this year (1980).

When you weren't busy working you enjoyed many trips to far-off places - to Hawaii, Europe, an ocean cruise from New York and you have gone to Florida and across the U.S. several times. Your many friends and patrons have enjoyed hearing about your experiences after you made these trips.

You have kept such a youthful attitude toward life and have been such an important part of the community that your presence is missed when you are away. You are known affectionately as "Jay" to your friends. You have also been a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church for many years.

We are missing you while you are away and assure you of a glad welcome if and when you return to the "old community",

EDNA GIFFIN McCARRELL MAGEE

You were born at McDonald, Penna. on September 29, 1889, one of five children born to Justus F. and Anna Wallace Giffin. You attended elementary school at McDonald, and after your family moved to Hickory, you attended and graduated from Hickory High School in 1910. Then you attended Margaret Morrison School of Home Economics, and you received your teaching certificate after attending California State Teachers College, then teaching in the Westland and Hickory Schools until your marriage.

You were married to Fran McCarrell in 1927 and to this union was born your son, Frank Alexander McCarrell, whom we all know familiarly as "Eckie". You lost your husband by death in 1938, and you then returned to teaching for a number of additional years. Later you met and married Mr. Louis Magee in 1941, and again, you were widowed by his death several years later.

A life-long member of the United Presbyterian Church, you spent many active years in the affairs of the Mt. Pleasant congregation, where among your many activities you were a teacher in the Sunday School, a worker with youth groups, a member of the church choir and you took very seriously the work of the Missionary Society and were very active in the many projects to further the missionary cause, locally as well as in the foreign field.

You were a charter member of the Hickory Women's Club and were honored at its Fiftieth Anniversary as the only Fifty-year Member. You were the first Secretary of the Club and you took part in many club programs and many community projects, such as the Library, Hickory Fair, plays, etc. Now you are a member of the Mt. Pleasant Twp. Farm Women's Club.

Having lived in our community since 1907, you are a much-loved person who has contributed so much to the life of the whole Hickory area. You have made many a young bride welcome to the community by your neighborly kindness and friendship.

Edna, this is Your Life. We are glad to have you as a member of our Church and Community and that you may have many more years of useful living among us is the wish of your friends and of

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JAMES RAYMOND HENDERSON

Raymond Henderson an almost life-long resident of the Hickory Community lived on the farm in Mt. Pleasant Township until the fall of 1971, when he and his wife, Hazel moved to Carbondale, Illinois in order to be nearer to their daughter, Marion Meno and her husband, who were then living at that place. Two years later the Hendersons moved with the Menos, to Hudson, Iowa where they are all still engaged in Raymond's life-long vocation of breeding, showing and selling Dorset Horn Sheep.

Raymond was born into the sheep business and literally grew up with the Dorsetts, since his Father, Joseph B. Henderson was an importer of this breed of sheep as well as of Holstein cattle. Joe Henderson made several trips to England and to the Continent to secure the finest specimens of these two breeds of farm animals, and Raymond has carried on the family tradition. For fifty years, he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Continental Dorset Club, a national organization, and he gave up that position just recently to be succeeded by his daughter, Marion, who also had been born into the family tradition of raising Dorset sheep.

In June, 1925, Raymond was united in marriage with Hazel Marquis, and they observed their Golden Wedding anniversary in our Church Fellowship Hall on June 8, 1975. Their two daughters, Marjorie Corona and Marion Meno and granddaughter together with the two sons-in-law joined with their friends of the Hickory Community in this observance.

While living in this Community, the Hendersons were members of our Church, and Raymond served a term as elder in the Mt. Prospect Church. Hazel was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Township Society of Farm Women while both of them were members of Cross Creek Village Grange. Both were active in all movements for the welfare of the Church and Community.

All good wishes for many more years together are extended to Raymond and Hazel by their many friends in the Church and Community and by the

JEWEL C. HINERMAN

You were born in Marshall County, West Virginia on September 13, 1895 to Samuel and Nancy Masters Hinerman. Your Family included five brothers and one sister. When you were only eight years old, you lost your Mother by death. You were then living near Cameron, W. Va. One of your recollections at this time was that of your Mother-less Family gathering up all their belongings, loading then on to a wagon, driving the livestock along and walking to a farm near Potomac, W. Va. This was a long over-night trip and a kind family - strangers to your people - gave you travelers your supper and breakfast and a place to sleep. They also cared for your live-stock. In this new home neighborhood, you grew up and received your education in the local schools.

In 1915, you met Ida Pearl Edgar, and following a courtship of about one year, you married her on October 25, 1916. Your first home as a married couple was on the Waddington Farm which is now a part of Oglebay Park in West Virginia. Here you worked on the farm and cared for the riding horses. Here, your first child, your son, Melvin was born. Not long after his birth, you moved your family to the Claysville - West Alexander area where you worked out and farmed, renting a number of different farms within that district. Here, two daughters were added to your Family: Olive and Virginia. In 1933, you moved to the Jones Farm near Pleasant Grove in Donegal Township, and while living there, another son, Robert was born. While on this farm, you enlarged your dairy herd.

By the year 1940, you had decided to buy a farm of your own, and after much looking around, you selected the McCalmont Farm near Hickory. In March of that year, you moved your dairy herd, your machinery and your family to this farm, and thus you fulfilled a life-long desire of both Ida and yourself. Years of hard, but satisfying work followed, but you increased your dairy herd, improved your land and the buildings, and developed a turkey business. For several years, at Thanksgiving time and at Christmas, the Community beat a path to your farm, coming for Holiday birds which you were able to supply and of a high quality.

In 1964 all of your children were married, and you and Ida were enjoying five grandchildren, it seemed time to slow down, and you sold your herd of fine Guernsey cows. The following year, you concluded your turkey business, and your plans were to sell the farm, and to build a house for retirement. Before these plans could be carried out, Ida died in 1966, thus ending a marriage of fifty years.

However, later you did sell the farm and built your house on acreage which you reserved from the farm. Here you now make your home, occupying yourself in the care of a few beef cattle, watching over the fish in your pond, and in gardening. You now have two great-grandsons who provide enjoyment. Cooking is one of your new accomplishments, with pies and fruit cobblers your specialities.

You have served your Church well as a member and as a ruling elder, and in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church your sons and their families also hold membership. Your fellow-members in the Fireside Club wish for you many more years of usefulness in the Hickory Church and Community.

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GEORGE A. HOOP D. D. S.
"Doc"

You arrived at the Uniontown, Penna. home of Julia Farr and Elmer Ellsworth Hoop on 12 November 1895. Other members of your Family included Valeria (now deceased), Frances (a retired school teacher), Thomas Jefferson (also a D. D. S. and now deceased), E. Paul (another D. D. S.) and Robert (an electrician.)

In the normal course of getting an education, you graduated from Uniontown High School. From there you entered the University of Pittsburgh and graduated from the Dental School there in 1918. You practiced dentistry for several years in the Hickory and Avella areas, as you helped your brothers through school. You then continued your practice at Avella until your retirement some forty-five years later.

On February 24, 1920 you were united in marriage with Margery E. Deffenbaugh. You have perpetuated the Hoop name with four sons: George A. Jr. of Washington, Pa., Willard, now deceased, Wendell living at home, and Darwin, who is maintaining the family tradition in the practice of dentistry at Washington. You also have six grandchildren. In February, 1970 you and Margery observed your Golden Wedding Anniversary and a little over three years later, on the morning of July 18, 1973, Margery suffered a fatal heart attack while getting the morning mail at the Hickory Post Office. Her passing was deeply mourned by her family and many friends.

In addition to your professional life, you have had a life-long interest in the out-of-doors world and have enjoyed hunting and fishing as diversions from the daily "grind" of the dental office.

We are proud to salute you as one of our Golden Agers and extend to you the Best Wishes of

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TIRZAH HUGHES MCCARRELL

What a blessing you were, Tirzah, to your parents, Henry William and Elizabeth Garrett Hughes when you arrived on October 2, 1914, two years after the death of their first child. Pittsburgh was your birthplace and Pittsburgh was where you grew up. You were baptized at Trinity Cathedral and you later attended the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Brookline where you had been confirmed in 1926.

Your first six years of school were at the Pittsburgh City Grade School in Brookline. Your parents moved to Ingram, so you then attended Ingram Junior High. Following 10th grade, you became a boarding student at the former Washington Seminary in Washington PA from which you graduated in 1932, having taken some courses at W & J. The "Great Depression" caught up with you and your dreams of a college education flew out the window. But then...if you hadn't gone to Grace Martin's Secretarial School you would not have met Sara McCarrell...and if you had not met Sara McCarrell, then...

You worked as a secretary to the cashier of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for awhile. You had, by this time, met your friend Sara's brother, John, who was a student at Pitt Medical School!

Well, to make a long story short...following John's graduation and internship at Mercy Hospital, you were married on August 21, 1940...and just recently celebrated your Golden Wedding! Many of your friends and family helped in the celebration...including your "Cupid-playing" sister-in-law.

Following your marriage, in September 1940, you moved into the little house next door to John's parents in Hickory, and he began the practice of medicine with his father, "Dr. Dave". In 1960, you built the home in which you now live two doors up the street on the old McCarrell homesite.

You and John have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Nunn and Sara Ann (Sally) Fackelman. You also have 3 granddaughters, Judy Nunn Shifflet, Janice and Beth Ann Nunn.

You have been a member of the Hickory Women's Club for almost 50 years, having served in various offices. You are also a member of the Washington County Medical Auxiliary and for several years served on the Camp Committee of the Y.W.C.A.

You and John have been active members of the Hickory U.P.Church (via Mt. Prospect Presbyterian) all of your married life, and have been members of the Fireside Club almost as long.

The Fireside Club wishes to thank you for your many years of faithful service to it, the Church and the community, and to extend its best wishes for many more years of continuing faithfulness.

JOSEPHINE JOHNEN KRENN

The Johnen family in McDonald welcomed birth of a baby girl on April 16, 1907. Baby Josephine was the youngest of a family of three boys and three girls - seven children in all. Five of the seven members are still living, with a sister in Allison Park and two brothers in McDonald and one in Ohio. Josephine at 78, being the youngest, comes from a long-lived family.

Josephine gained her education in McDonald Public Schools attending high school there and she is an alumnus of Duffs Business College in Pittsburgh. She met Henry Krenn while in her teens at a nicklodine in McDonald. A grocery store gave a free ticket on Wednesday Booster Night. Henry was a miner - the only work available in the area. After a courtship of 3 1/2 years, the couple ran off to Wellsburg, W. Va., to be married, June 16, 1926. After moving around for several years they settled on six acres in McDonald with their three daughters. Henry left the mine and worked in construction. When his health failed they sold their property and moved to Hickory in 1965 and he died just two months afterwards.

Josephine or "Jo" as her friends call her, has been a "Jill of All Trades". Besides being a dedicated mother of her girls, housewife and gardner during World War II she worked as a welder for Dravo Company - "A Rosie the Riveter". At the end of the war her daughter who was a practical nurse suggested she take training to become a practical nurse too, which she did. She worked 13 years at Mayview Hospital. She retired after moving to Hickory. Jo lives to quilt and although she is a longtime member of Venice United Presbyterian Church, on every Tuesday she quilts with the Hickory Church Quilters. She doesn't care how the group spends their earnings. She just wants to quilt. As a good neighbor she is always willing to help out -- be it canning, quilting or gardening.

Jo has 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Fireside Club honors you Josephine, for your Christian service in our church and community.

HAZEL B. JOLLEY CALDWELL

You were born in Hopewell Township on August 11, 1894 to Ebenezer and Nancy Bartilson Jolley. You lived on the farm where you were born until your parents retired and moved to Claysville where they both died in 1947.

After receiving your education in the public schools of Hopewell Township, you prepared for teaching and your career in that profession began in the Cross Creek Township School District, where you taught in a one-room rural school. Subsequent teaching was done in Independence Township, Hopewell Township and in the Claysville Borough Schools. You retired from the Avella School District in 1960 after a teaching career of forty-two years.

On July 17, 1943, you were married to William M. Caldwell and you came to live on the Caldwell Farm in Cross Creek Township, and that was your home until that farm was taken over by Washington County for the construction of the proposed Cross Creek Lake. You then moved to Hickory in 1966 to your present home where your husband's death occurred on January 15, 1970.

In addition to your devotion to your life work of working with growing children, you have always taken a deep interest in other things which grow, on the farm and in the garden. This interest has permitted you to maintain a youthful outlook on life, as well as contributing to your own well-being. Your love for flowers and other things of beauty has continued throughout your life.

You are a faithful member of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, where you attend regularly and where you take an active part in the affairs of the congregation. You have been a member of Cross Creek Grange No. 954 since you became a resident of Cross Creek Township. Since coming to Hickory you have been an active member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women. You enjoy visits from your many friends, and you enjoy visiting them, too.

Best Wishes for many more years of usefulness and for a continuing of your varied interests are extended to you by

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JOSEPH BLAIR KEHN

You were born in the year 1895, one of six children of Jacob and Lucy Ickes Kehn, and the place of your birth was Pavia, Penna. You and your brothers, Luke and Lionel, and your sisters, Mary, Elizabeth and Louise attended the Griffith Elementary School and the Altoona High School.

On May 28, 1943 you married Sarah Margaret Whysong, better known to us as Sadie. She was the daughter of Isaac Edward and Mary Idella Whysong and is one of eight children in that family.

You have two children: Joseph B. Jr. and Sherlie K. Roehman, and you have six grandchildren.

You, Joe, have become well known throughout Washington County as a bee-keeper (or is it "bee-master"?) This began with you as a side-line when you were running the service station. You received the 30 year award from the Standard Oil Company given to the oldest privately-owned service station west of the Allegheny Mountains. You were also a baker at one time, but most important to all Hickory residents was your service of adding little by little the necessities of living to the usual gas, oil and air supplied at the service station. The time came when the food items were far more important than these other commodities in your business, so you closed the service station. This "side-line" of yours became the business now known as Grose's Market.

Your life has been one of continual work and progress, and that it may continue to be so is the wish of

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CASSIE KELLY MORRISON

Although you now make your home with one of your sisters in Mount Vernon, Ohio, we miss you as a kind friend and a good neighbor in the Hickory Community. We understand that you are enjoying good health and that you are able to do your usual house hold duties.

Born at Midway, Pennsylvania on March 4, 1896, you were one of six children born to your parents, Thomas and Jennie McMillin Kelly. You received your education in the Midway Schools and graduated from High School in the Class of 1914.

On October 14th, 1914, you were united in marriage with John Morrison, who operated a steam custom saw-mill for many years prior to your moving to Hickory. You were a loving and faithful wife, and two daughters were born into your family. One died in infancy, and the other is married to Col. Ray Crowther. He and Mary Edna are parents of two children and they have, also, four grandchildren, thus making you a great-grandmother. You and John observed your Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in 1964, and John's death occurred in July, 1965.

The many years of your living in Hickory were spent in being a good neighbor and you were a faithful member of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, the Women's Missionary Society and the Hickory Women's Club.

We greet you on this Anniversary occasion as one of our "Golden-Agers" and send you our warmest greetings and we wish you many more years of usefulness and good health.

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MYRTLE KENDALL CROWLEY

Myrtle K. Crowley celebrated her eightieth birthday this past summer, having been born on July 24, 1900 in Clarksville, Arkansas. Her parents were J. P. and Amanda Cates Kendall. As a girl, she attended elementary school at Bethlehem, Sulphur Springs and Weatherford, Oklahoma and high school at Altus, Arkansas.

On September 2, 1926, Myrtle was married to Chester Robert Crowley in the Clarksville, Arkansas Methodist Church, the ceremony having been performed by the Rev. Lester Weaver. After being married for seventeen years, they moved to Hickory in 1943, and this was their home until Mr. Crowley's death which occurred on December 13, 1966. They had then been married for forty years. Mr. & Mrs. Crowley were the parents of five children: Betty Jo and Rebecca are the daughters and Robert, Ronald and Reginald are the sons. There are twenty-three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Crowley still maintains her membership in the Hickory Church, although she now lives in the Thomas Campbell Apartments at 850 Beech Street in Washington.

Best Wishes are extended to Mrs. Crowley from

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OTTO IRONS KRAEER

You were born on December 27, 1891 - a Christmas present for your parents, Frederick T. and Annette Matchett Kraeer - but you arrived just two days late. At the time of this auspicious event, your family were living in the old log house on the Granny Aiken place located on a back road between Candor and Midway.

In 1898 your family moved to Cross Creek Village, and there you began your education in a one-room school with Everett Noah as your first teacher. Later you attended the Cross Creek Township High School later transferring to the High School at Hickory where you and Ed. Welch roomed in a wash-house down in the Slab-town section of the Village. Your place there was known as a first-class boarding house, as long as the grub held out.

After graduating from the Hickory High School in a class of three, you attended Muskingum College for two terms and in that school you prepared yourself for the profession of teaching, and you followed that work in the Townships of Cross Creek, Smith and Robinson for a number of years. Other work also occupied the active years of your life, and now you work part time in the Allison Hardware Store here in Hickory.

Professing your faith in Christ, you joined the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church at an early age, and you proved your Biblical knowledge as a teacher in the Sunday School there. When your family lived for a number of years on a farm near Woodrow, you were active in the Sunday School there, where you were also a teacher. When you moved into the Hickory community, you affiliated with the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church and you served that congregation as a ruling elder. You have shown considerable musical ability, also, as you have sung in the church choir, and it is said that you also once played a pretty good fiddle.

During your days in school, you were recognized as a good student. Even your Mother was aware of your intellectual abilities, since she once remarked to a neighbor, "A smarter boy never opened a book". But not all of your knowledge was obtained at school or from books. When you lived in the Woodrow area, you were a regular attendant of the McGugin Store, and there you absorbed quite a bit of the "cracker-barrel wisdom" which was so liberally dispensed at that institution.

You are a proud family man, being the father of four daughters and one son, and having eight grand-children and eight great-grandchildren. You now live in the Hickory community in a house on the old Ahrns Farm, it being now the property of your son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Viola Kraeer.

We are glad to have you and your good wife, Jane, in our church group and it is a pleasure to extend greetings to you on behalf of

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SARAH ELIZABETH LANIER MARQUIS

Sarah Elizabeth Lanier Marquis (Sadie) was born on a farm near Hanlin Station to Frank and Rose Archer Lanier, September 29, 1907. Three brothers and two sisters comprised the family with Sadie being the youngest. Willow Valley and Muddy Lane, one room schools, in Cross Creek Township provided her elementary education. Being acquainted with Raymond Marquis all during grade school, serious interest in each other didn't develop until both attended Reawood dances. The romance ended in marriage on October 8, 1925 in the manse of the Avella Presbyterian Church. Two children brought happiness to their home with a daughter Betty Jean, wife of Merriel Bigelow. Betty Jean graduated from Washington Hospital School of Nurses Training. Their only son, Charles Richard, married Shirley Griest. The Bigelow's have two daughters and Bud and Shirley have three sons and one daughter. There is one great grandson, Nicholas who lives in Greensboro, Pa. who furnishes plenty of entertainment for great grandma Sadie.

Sadie and Raymond celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1975 and have only three years to go to celebrate their 60th - "If we make it" says Sadie.

The couple set up housekeeping in Charleroi, Pa. and then moved to Hickory rented and moved four or five times before buying their present home across from Hickory School which they have remodeled and furnished with loving care. In 1981 they spent the winter in Clearwater, Fla. Raymond loved the carefree existence there but Sadie fretted over the absence from her beloved home in Hickory.

She joined the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church during Joseph S. Morledge's pastorate and is a member of the Women's Association. When the Community Ladies Aid was in existence she was a faithful member.

Fireside Club extends to you our warmest greetings and hope you live to celebrate your 60th wedding anniversary and who knows, maybe your 75th.

NANCY LAWSON TOWARD

Nancy Lawson Toward was born in Midway, Pa., November 6, 1908, the 3rd daughter of John Nelson Lawson and Laura Hough. She attended Midway Elementary School and graduated from Midway High School in 1926.

On August 3, 1929, she and John Patterson Toward were married. They set up housekeeping in Midway and later moved to McDonald. Two sons and three daughters blessed their home, all of whom were raised in the McDonald area.

John was a rural mail carrier. Somehow they got through the trying times following the 1929 depression - at times food on the table was mighty scarce, but Nancy was a good manager, knowing how to make a little stretch - and she still does.

To keep the family afloat, Nancy went to work in downtown Horne's Department Store in Pittsburgh for 17 years. As she says she was given the job of selling non-moving housewares, demonstrating their values and she got them sold! She was custodian of the Women's Club House in McDonald for five years.

When John retired from civil service as a mail carrier in 1966, they moved to North Port, Florida.

Nancy didn't retire for she worked as grillcook in Grant's Department Store for 2 years in Venice, Florida, then as cook for 4 years in a restaurant in Homeport, Florida, and then served 2 years as cook in a Nokomis restaurant.

John died in North Port, Florida, on May 11, 1977. His death after 48 years of marriage came as a great shock to Nancy. Feeling so lonely, she wanted to be closer to her family and her children moved her back to Pennsylvania, where they all live in the McDonald area. They are Joye Langhurst and Charles Hughey Toward who both live on Gladden Heights. Daughter Nancy Langhurst died leaving children, who also live in the area. Son John Toward lives in California and her youngest daughter, Jean Laurick, lives in Hickory, PA. Nancy is great grandmother of two boys whom she babysits for and these boys behave. She has 18 grandchildren.

As a member of the McDonald American Legion Club Auxiliary, she helps putting on their many dinners; Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women serving as secretary, and is responsible for keeping them solvent, Barkley-Robinson Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Hickory Women's Club, lifetime member of McDonald's Women's Club, Suncoast Grandmothers Club, and Fireside Club of Hickory U.P. Church. She also quilts every Tuesday with the Quilters of that Church.

Early in life she professed her faith in Christ, joining the Trinity U.P. Church in McDonald. Presently living in Midway, she attends Midway Presbyterian Church taking her great grandsons to Sunday School there.

Any problem one has to solve, Nancy usually has a solution -- be it child raising, housekeeping, cooking, baking, putting on dinners, quilting, dress-making, etc., etc.

Nancy, you are a "Wise Woman" and Fireside Club salutes you for your years of Christian service.

ROBERT NEWKIRK LECKEY

Bob, you were born in Pittsburgh, Penna. on January 30, 1896, a son of Robert A. and Minnie P. Leckey. You moved with your parents to Bradford, Penna in your early life, and your Father died when you were about fifteen years of age.

On April 22, 1920 you were united in marriage at Bradford with Alice Tope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tope of Burgettstown. In April 1970 you and Alice observed the Golden Wedding anniversary of your marriage with a buffet dinner, held in Fellowship Hall of Mt. Prospect Church. You were joined in that glad occasion by your daughters, Jean Jordan and Sally Jester, and by your six grandchildren and by many friends.

After your marriage, you were employed for a time as foreman in a glass factory at Jeanette, Penna. and after moving to Hickory, you engaged in work in the oil and gas fields, managing a number of producing wells in the Hickory, Gretna and Burgettstown communities. From this work, you retired in 1973. In June, 1974 you lost your life partner by death, and in this loss you were joined in mourning by your family and your many friends in the Community.

Now that you have much time on your hands for reading and for the care of your home and yard, Best Wishes are sent to you for your health and happiness in the days ahead by

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BLANCHE MARJORIE MAGEE BROWN

On April 9, 1908, Elizabeth & George Magee became the parents of Blanche Marjorie, their first child. There were two brothers in their family and they lived in Neshannock Falls on the outskirts of New Castle. Five years later the family moved to Avella where Blanche lived until her marriage.

Her education was received in Cross Creek Township Grade School in Brownstown. She started to Cross Creek High School where the Rev. Say was principal. Her father took her to Patterson Mills where the two Kuhns' girls drove the family horse and buggy to Cross Creek. The horse was stabled at the High School and a man took charge of the horse. One afternoon going home from school, Blanche in the middle and the two older girls on each side, the horse started to run. Both the big girls jumped out of the buggy yelling at Blanche to do the same. She was petrified and didn't even pick up the reins. A local farmer saw the runaway horse and ran across the fields and caught the horse. After that episode the family verdict, "no more High School for Blanche".

Her first job was helping Dr. George A. Hoop in his dental office. Nowadays young people go to school for training as dental assistants. Blanche got her "dental assistant training" from Doc Hoop and worked there for 17 years when he retired. She then went to work in the laboratory at American Cyanimid Plant in Bridgeville and worked there for five years. From then on, her time was spent raising apples, berries, vegetables and pine trees and mowing the grass on their acreage.

On October 30, 1934 she married John C. Brown and moved to her new home on Routh 50 that John built especially for her. Blanche loved to work outside and most every day could be seen pruning, digging or planting on the spacious grounds beautifully landscaped with shrubs and flowers.

Life was saddened on July 29, 1984 when her beloved husband died, three months before their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Blanche, although with health problems, still maintains an interest in gardening, but she gives more attention to her flowers. She is blessed with a talent for making lovely flower arrangements. The rest of her time is filled with visiting relatives and friends, watching television and reading.

The Fireside Club salutes you for your long busy life, Blanche, and may the years ahead be happy and healthy ones.

ROBERTA MALONE MILLER

You were born on March 4, 1904 to Milton Malone and Agnes Sleeth Malone. As a girl you lived near Burgettstown and attended the Cook School. When it closed, you attended the Atlasburg School.

On October 5, 1929 you were married to David F. Miller, who passed away on October 15, 1974. Two sons, David Audley Miller and Donald Dale Miller, were born to this union.

For many years, both before and after your marriage, you worked as a telephone operator for the Hickory-Woodrow Telephone Co. When the company converted to dial 'phones on December 2, 1956, you retired as Chief Operator.

As long as your eyesight permitted, you enjoyed doing handwork and sewing, also helping with the garden. Since undergoing eye surgery you are no longer able to pursue these hobbies, but still keep a lively interest in your community and friends and have a positive outlook on life.

You are especially proud of your three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

As a long-time member of the Hickory U.P. Church you have taken an active role in church affairs and been a faithful member.

All Good Wishes are sent your way by,

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CHARLES RAYMOND MARQUIS

Raymond is a direct descendant of the Marquis's who were one of the "First Families" of the Cross Creek Country, and the first of the name to live in the area was Thomas Marquis who came here in 1776.

Raymond was born on his father's farm, the former McCorkle Farm in Southern Cross Creek Township on October 16, 1903. He was one of eleven children born to Charles M. and Della Elizabeth (Bessie) Jeffrey Marquis, his Mother, too, having been a descendant of some of Mt. Pleasant Township's "First Families", notably the Russells and the McCalmonts.

The Marquis children attended the Nosco Hall one-room school, while their Father served for several years as a school director of Cross Creek Township. Raymond recalls that some of his teachers were Miss Belle Rankin, A. D. White and Otto Kraeer. Due to his sturdy build and, at times, stern countenance, Raymond earned the nick-name of "Judge". For a time he lived with the James Gault Family, long-time neighbors and friends of the Marquis family.

After school days and a brief period on the home farm, Raymond became a bridge carpenter and was employed with Bill McWreath on the Wabash Railroad. On October 8, 1925, he was married to Sarah Elizabeth (Sadie) Lanier. They lived for a time at Charleroi, and later in several homes in the Hickory area before buying and occupying their present home on Wabash Avenue, where they have lived since 1925. Raymond continued working as a carpenter with D. C. Forney and Sons and in self-employment, now being fully retired and enjoying a well earned rest.

Raymond and Sadie are the parents of a son, Charles Richard (Bud) Marquis, married to the former Shirley Jean Greist and of a daughter, Betty Jane Bigelow of Bruceton Mills, W. Va. There are six grandchildren.

Best Wishes for many more years of happy retirement from

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DORA HAZEL MARQUIS HENDERSON

Dora Hazel Marquis Henderson was born January 19, 1902 to James Myers and Dora Maude Patterson Marquis. Her early years were spent in Woodrow, Pa. where her father operated a general store. She had three brothers Alvan, Milton and Layal - now deceased. The family then moved to Hickory where her father operated a grocery store. Her schooling was gained in the Hickory School where she graduated from Hickory Vocational High School. Hazel worked in the store with her father and in later years her family called her "Butch" because of her proficiency in meat cutting. She also worked as a clerk in the Farmers National Bank in Hickory.

In June of 1925 she married her life long acquaintance James Raymond Henderson in the Mt. Pleasant U. P. manse with Reverend Charles Stunkard officiating. Shortly thereafter the couple moved to their farm in Mt. Pleasant Valley where she and Raymond raised their famous Dorset sheep. Hazel served as secretary to Raymond who was Secretary-Treasurer to the Continental Dorset Club, keeping records of Dorset sheep.

Two daughters were born to them, Marjorie Corona and Marian Meno. They have one granddaughter, Jennifer.

Hazel still acts as secretary to her daughter Marian who is now Secretary-Treasurer of Continental Dorset Club.

She affiliated with the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church early in life and in 1930 moved to Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, now the Hickory U. P. Church. Her executive ability resulted in her holding offices in the Missionary Society, Worthwhile Daughters Class, Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women, and Community Ladies Aid and Fireside Club. She sang in the choir for many years.

We miss you Hazel, and hope you and Raymond return to celebrate your 60th anniversary in Fellowship Hall as you did your 50th Anniversary.

Fireside Club wishes you many more years of happiness in your retirement.

MYRTLE MARQUIS REEDY

Myrtle Marquis was born in Canonsburg, Pa. on October 10, 1904, one of three daughters born to Kirk and Alice Caldwell Marquis. The family moved to Hickory when Myrtle was three years old, and this has been her home community ever since.

Myrtle attended the Hickory schools graduating from the local High School in 1923. She worked for a time in the Hickory telephone office. On June 10, 1925, she was married to Hiram E. Reedy, and they became the parents of two children: Myrtle Elaine Reedy born on September 12, 1927 and William E. Reedy born on September 12, 1930. She now has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, including one set of twins.

Myrtle became a member of the Mt. Prospect Church during the Peacock Revival meetings in 1913. In the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, she is a member of the Willing Workers Daughters Sunday School Class and the Women's Missionary Society.

She lost her husband by death on April 8, 1969. Following that sad event, Myrtle continued living in their home on Route 18 south of Hickory where she cared for her aged Mother, Mrs. Alice Marquis until her Mother's death which came on Mother's Day, May 11, 1980 when she was 106 years, 7 months and 19 days of age. Now Myrtle lives alone in the same home, interested in her family and friends and in the good of her home community. We wish her many more years of usefulness,

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DONALDSON McCARRELL McCALMONT

You were born on the McCalmont Farm near Hickory on January 1, 1902, one of seven children of Samuel A. and Elizabeth McCarrell McCalmont.

As a boy you attended grades one through eight at the Rankin School. In 1920 you graduated from High School in Hickory.

Having been raised on a farm it was only natural that you should go into some branch of farming. When you went to work, you bottled certified milk at the Bell Farm near Coraopolis, which is now the site of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. After working there three years, you toured the West for nine months. However, you returned to Hickory in 1924 and began driving a milk truck, hauling milk from the local farms into Pittsburgh. You still keep an interest in the milk trucks although you have been retired since age 62.

In 1929 you and Martha Malone were united in marriage. Your wife, Martha, passed away in March of 1960. Your two children, Evelyn Lucille Miller and Donaldson Blair McCalmont live in Hickory and have given you six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, who give you much pleasure.

You are still very active and have always enjoyed both small and big game hunting. Through the years you have always tried to spend several weeks each year in the mountains, either hunting deer or just enjoying the camp life.

You have also been a member of the Hickory U.P. Church for many years.

All Good Wishes to you from

SAMUEL LODOWICK McCALMONT

You were born on June 1, 1894 at the farm of your parents, Samuel Allison and Elizabeth McCarrell McCalmont, in Mt. Pleasant Township.

Your early days were spent in the Rankin School and later at the Hickory High School.

On March 10, 1915 you were united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Chalfant. Two children were born of this union, Virginia Ruth and Jay Theodore. You have been blessed with two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

You began your career working on the Campbell Farm, for \$1.00 a day, and continued to work at farms in the Mt. Pleasant Township area until ill health forced you to change your career. You were engaged in the trucking business hauling milk for farmers to the dairies and express from Pittsburgh to Avella.

You were a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and served on the Hickory Improvement Association. The Lodge purchased the McPeak lumber yard with the intention of building a community center, but the project never matured. Later the three remaining members of the committee donated the land to the Hickory Fire Department and the center became a reality.

During 1948 - 1954 you served as a Director of the Hickory-Woodrow Telephone Company. You were a member of Mt. Pleasant U.P. Church and now of the Hickory U.P. Church. You served on the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association for many years until the Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association relieved you of your duties.

Your life was saddened when your wife, Elizabeth, was called home in 1964 and later when your son, Ted, joined her on September 30, 1980.

You have lived alone since your wife's death, except for spending some of the winter months with your daughter Ruth in Lancaster, Penna. You enjoy living in Hickory where you are among old acquaintances.

We salute you for your many years of service to the farmers and to the community.

Best wishes for the years ahead are extended to you by friends in

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MARY ELIZABETH MCCALMONT LYLE

Elizabeth, one of a family of seven children born to Samuel A. and Elizabeth McConnaughey McCarrell McCalmont, like her brothers and sisters, was born on the old McCalmont home farm on the Burgettstown Ridge Road in Mt. Pleasant Township on October 11, 1896. As did her Father before her, she attended the old Rankin one-room school which was just down over the hill from the McCalmont Farm. As teachers in this school, Elizabeth recalls Miss Romaine Russell and A. Donaldson McCarrell, the latter an uncle of Elizabeth and a brother of her Mother.

Mr. Samuel A. McCalmont retired from farming in 1918 and the family moved to Hickory, with the three McCalmont girls taking up their residence in an apartment in the old hotel building on Main Street. In 1922, they moved into their Father's home and kept house for him until his death in 1941.

After her own education was completed, Elizabeth became a teacher and her first teaching was in her old home school at Rankin's. Other teaching was done at Westland and Southview in Mt. Pleasant Township and at Atlasburg and Slovan in Smith Township. After teaching for several years, Elizabeth continued serving the public as a clerk in the Hickory Post Office, where she served for twenty-five years, retiring in 1966.

She was married on June 14, 1948 to Donald N. Lyle, just three weeks after her sister Ellen McCalmont had been married to Don's brother, Clifford Lyle. These two couples made their home in the old McCalmont house until the deaths of Clifford and Ellen Lyle, and Don and Elizabeth continue to make this their home. Don is now retired from being maintenance superintendent at Fort Cherry High School.

A hearty wish for many more years in the old home and the old home-town goes to this fine couple from

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John Kithcart McCarrell, M.D.

On February 17, 1912, John was born to Dr. David L. & Mary K. McCarrell at their home in Hickory. He was the third child in the family, having a brother David, and a sister, Sarah, and four years later another brother, James. They were all born at home in the house that for many more years held their father's office and later John's office.

John attended school in Hickory graduating from High School in 1930 after playing both basketball and football. From Hickory High he went to Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio, where his sister had already completed her first year. In 1934 he graduated from Wooster and entered the University of Pittsburgh to take additional science courses. This was followed by medical school also at Pitt from which he graduated in 1939.

While attending Pitt he met Tirzah Hughes and before he graduated, they were engaged. There being few married students in those years, they were destined to wait until he had finished his internship at Mercy Hospital to be married. This event took place on August 21, 1940, at the home of the bride in Pittsburgh. While away on their honeymoon the couple received the good news that John had passed his State board exams and could practice.

On September 1, 1940, John entered medical practice with his father being the third generation to practice in Hickory. He remained until his retirement in September of 1986. During his years of practice in Hickory he also had offices in Avella and Westland where he was medical director for the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

He is the father of two daughters, Mary Beth Nunn and Sally Fackelman and has three grand daughters, Judy Shiflett, and Janice and Beth Nunn.

For many years John was on the Mt. Pleasant School Board and was president at the time of the merger of the school districts. He is also a member of the Hickory Lion's Club, a township Fire Department, the A.M.A., and the Washington Co. Medical Society where he served as President.

John is a life long member of the Hickory U. P. Church (formerly Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church) and has served as an Elder. He is also a member of the Fireside Club.

During his retirement he has enjoyed reading, resting, and some gardening, and some travel.

The Fireside Club wishes him many more years to enjoy his retirement and thanks him for his years of service to our community and church.

MARY MARTHETTA McCARRELL

You were born in Hickory on April 16, 1905 in a house which no longer stands at the corner of Main Street and Wabash Avenue, but moved into a new home as a young child. You still live in this house, which you have extensively remodeled since your retirement.

Your parents were Mary McBurney and A. Donaldson McCarrell, both from pioneer stock in Washington County. As a girl you attended school in Hickory and graduated from the Hickory Vocational High School in 1924. After attending the Washington Female Seminary in Washington, Pa. for one year, you went to Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio to prepare for a career in teaching.

You always taught in the Mt. Pleasant Township schools, starting in Primrose and moving to the Hickory Elementary School after three years. While teaching at Primrose you drove to school in a Model T Ford, having to go by way of Burgettstown when the roads through the country became impassable. Many of your fourth grade pupils keep in touch with you and fondly remember their years in your class at Hickory.

Since your retirement, following forty years of teaching, you have traveled extensively. You have been in most of these United States and Canada several times, visited Puerto Rico, cruised the Caribbean, spent time in Taiwan visiting friends who were living there and have also flown the Atlantic to vacation in Europe.

For many years you were a member of the King's Daughters Class of the Hickory Presbyterian Church and been a member of the church since childhood.

We wish for you the continued opportunity to enjoy the many activities which give you pleasure and satisfaction.

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THOMAS L McCARRELL

You were born on April 24, 1883 on the farm of your parents, Leman and Ellen Donaldson McCarrell here in Mt. Pleasant Township. Being a son of such parents entitles you to the prestige which attends membership in two of the oldest and most prominent families of this area. And having been born and raised on their farm pretty largely determined what your life work was to be.

Even your education was part of the family tradition since you attended the McCarrell School in your home community. But the home farm was the institution which provided much of the practical training which you received, and it was almost a foregone conclusion that you would be a farmer and dairyman.

After your marriage to Stella Taggart on September 20, 1905, you took over the management of the home farm. As your family grew up, your sons, too, followed agricultural work, and on your large dairy farm in North Strabane Township, they joined you in conducting a considerable operation. You became a keen judge of good cows and your herd was of the best obtainable. In 1953, you were honored with the awarding of a Master Farmer degree in recognition of the high type of operation which you conducted.

You have been a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church, having joined the fellowship of the Mt. Prospect congregation on August 4, 1900, and although your membership was in another congregation for a number of years, the Hickory United Presbyterian Church now claims you as one of our Senior members. Your life was saddened when Mrs. McCarrell was called home, and you have since lived alone, but you give a glad welcome to friends and your family when they visit you. We wish you good health and contentment in the years ahead.

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ELLEN MCCARRELL CARTER

On June 29, 1906 a daughter, Ellen Cornelia was born to Thomas L. and Stella Taggart McCarrell on the McCarrell farm in Mt. Pleasant Township. Ellen, the oldest, had two brothers, Leman, now deceased and Jay, and one sister, Lois Mc. Brown. Her elementary education was received at the McCarrell school, now the home of Mrs. John Cowden. Her high school graduation from the Hickory Vocational High School was in 1925. She then attended Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio and graduated from normal school in 1927.

Her teaching career began at Miller School in 1927, then she went to Westland in 1929, and Cross Creek in 1930. Then she raised her family, returning to substitute teaching in Hickory of the Ft. Cherry District from 1958 to 1976.

Her high school romance culminated in her wedding Alvin Carter at her parent's home June 24, 1930. Four children have blessed their marriage: Lois Anne Risser who attended Indiana State University; McCarrell (Mac), Lee, graduate of Penn State University, and Jay. Mac and Jay are the farm and dairy operators assisted by Lee when teaching duties at Ft. Cherry allows him.

Ellen's life has been a busy one - working in the house, the dairy and keeping the BIG appetites of the Carter men satisfied. She is a life long member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, now the Hickory U. P. Church, is a member of the Women's Association and taught Sunday School for years. She is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women.

She and Alvin look forward to celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

EVA ANNA McCLOSKEY BEDILLION

You were born in McKeesport Penna. on June 8, 1895, one of twelve children of Eva Grace Giles McCloskey and Edward John McCloskey. With your parents, you moved to Washington, Penna. about 1904.

You joined the fellowship of the Second Christian Church in Washington when still a young girl. While a member of this Church, you were a teacher in the Sunday School and were involved in other church activities, particularly in the choir. It was while you were still a member here that you were introduced to Bill Bedillion by a Mr. Bluebaugh who told you that he was bringing a friend and neighbor to church and that he wanted you to meet him. In this way, your courtship was begun, and it resulted in your marriage to Bill on October 9, 1920, when the ceremony was performed in Wheeling, W. Va. by the Rev. Mr. Fields.

Since you love to sing, it seems that you have been singing all your life. You will remember many of the solos which you sang in church, or at weddings or funerals, and the duets which you sang with your sister, Josephine. And don't forget the mixed quartette with Josephine, Gleason Knestrick and Bert Standiford, or your duets with Betz or Doc while you were still a member of the choir at the old Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church for over 25 years. Apparently, Mrs. Richardson must have been a fine vocal teacher.

Your family consists of two daughters and two sons: Ruth, wife of Ralph Diaz, Wilma, wife of James Nunn, Glenn who is married to Ruth Ann Wallace, and Warren, married to Donna Ranegar. The family group includes, too, eleven grand-children, seven great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who are deceased. The Fiftieth Anniversary of your marriage was observed on October 7, 1970 with your family and friends in the Fellowship Hall of the Mt. Prospect Church.

You have always showed your love for others by doing many fine things for people, and we salute you for your good works in the Church and Community over these many years of your useful life. May you have many more years of usefulness!

The Firseide Club

JAMES A. MCGUGIN

Since you will have attained the age of 92 years on December 15, 1973 we desire, in this manner, to honor you for your many years of life and for your years of generous service to Mt. Pleasant Township and to the neighborhood in which your life has been spent.

Born on the McGugin Farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, the son of Alexander Vincent and Esther Donaldson McGugin, you grew up on that farm and made that home-stead your home until more recent years. You attended the McCarrell School near your home, and later you were a student in the Academy in the Village of Hickory. Very early, you learned the duties of a farm boy, and it was an easy transition from that period of training to the owner-ship of the home farm when your parents retired from their active duties there.

As you grew into early manhood, you interested yourself in the work of the Sunday School in the Mount Prospect Presbyterian Church in which your Father was serving a ruling elder. On May 5, 1900, you joined the fellowship of that congregation by becoming a communicant member. At the time of the merger of the Mount Prospect and Mount Pleasant congregations, you held a longer continuous membership in the Mount Prospect Church than any other person, a total of 68 years. You are now continuing that fine record as a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

On February 5, 1903 you were married to E. Pearl Paul, and you were privileged to observe the 55th anniversary of your marriage in 1958, just a few months before Mrs. McGugin was called home. Your family now includes your minister son and three daughters, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue your family line and traditions.

On May 9, 1914 your Church elected you to serve as a ruling elder and you filled that office with faithfulness and distinction for a total of fifty years, retiring last by rotation on January 1, 1968. You served as a teacher in the Mount Prospect Sunday School for an equally long period, and you also served for many years as a teacher in the Gretna Union Sunday School. For this long period of service as a Sunday School teacher, you were given recognition by the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association.

In your years of retirement, you have been wisely conserving your natural vigor by "taking things easy", but you are also maintaining an active interest in those matters in which your life has been involved.

We salute you on this occasion and felicitate you on your accomplishments in life, and we wish for you many more years of usefulness to your Church and your community.

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GERTRUDE MCGUGIN PHILLIPS

On January 25, 1904 the oldest child of James and Pearle Paul McGugin, Gertrude was born on the McGugin farm which was the earliest settled farm in Mt. Pleasant Township. It is now known as "Camp Agape" owned and operated by Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. Gertrude's family later on included two sisters; Mabel Lawton, Mary Jane Stough and one brother, the Reverend James McGugin.

Her early education began at the McCarrell School (Mabel Cowden's home). When her father and mother moved to Woodrow to operate a general store, her grade school was located at Bushy Rock 2 ½ miles from home. She has memories of walking to school in deep snow with her father walking ahead to make a path for her and sister Mabel. Gertrude graduated from Hickory High School. She rode the Wabash train getting on at Woodrow siding and getting off at Hickory Station. One year she and Mabel stayed at Helen Caldwell's home riding the train Monday morning and Friday afternoon to be at home for the weekend. Later on she met the Mt. Pleasant Township covered "Kid Wagon" pulled by horse driven by Joe Carlisle. The "Wagon" had heaters in it.

After graduation she worked several years for her uncles at Paul's Grocery Store in Tylerdale.

Her boyfriend was Robert S. Phillips (Bert) a neighbor and classmate at Bushy Rock school. Their romance culminated after a long courtship on June 16, 1934 when they were married in Washington (Davenport), Iowa where a large clan of McGugin relatives lived. The couple's first house was a house owned by McGugin Gas Well Co. and while living there their only child James Robert was born. James married Sheila Gary and they live next door. Gertrude has four granddaughters and one great grandson.

The year 1938 was a traumatic one for their house burned to the ground and few possessions were saved. Gertrude mourned the loss of treasured things but learned life goes on and more treasures accumulate. The Company rebuilt the house, which they ultimately bought and their youngest granddaughter and husband live there now.

When her father sold the McGugin farm he, Gertrude and Bert moved to Gertrude's grandmother's house where they now live. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1984 with lots of festivities hosted by their son's families.

Joining Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church in her teens she has been in church activities - teaching and Women's Association. She is a member of Gretna Grange and the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women.

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EDWARD PARKINSON MILLER
Born November 4, 1884

and

HERMINIA SOMERLADE MILLER
Born September 16, 1883

As the married couple of the Hickory Church and community who have been married longer than any others, we salute you and congratulate you on your more than sixty-four years of life together.

Married on July 31, 1909, and coming from two of the substantial families of the Hickory-Woodrow area, we are happy for you and for your friends and neighbors that your lives have been spent in our midst. You are the kind of folks who were raised to thrift and industry, so you have been able to make a living in the good old-fashioned way of hard work and strict economy.

As an artisan in the community, you Mr. Miller worked for many years as the Village Blacksmith, and you also rendered valuable service in the oil and gas fields of the area. And Mrs. Miller, you have been a Mother and home-maker, contributing to the success and happiness of your family by giving attention to those things which are essential to good living and good lives.

As the years lengthen and the shadows gather, we hope for both of you continued years of joy and contentment.

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ELVA MAE MILLER

On September 9, 1911 in Old Concord, Pennsylvania Park and Herminia Summerlade Miller welcomed the birth of Elva Mae Miller. In 1912 the family moved to Woodrow, Pennsylvania next to the busy Wabash Railroad. Life was busy too in Elva's home for she had four sisters and two brothers: Marybelle (Simpson-Gordon), Dorothy (Laws), Clara (Troutman), Ed, Bill and Lois (Cowden). Marybelle, Dorothy and Bill are now deceased.

At one room Bushy Rock School about a mile from Miller's home, Elva got her grade school education. Through rain and snow, ice and sleet, wind and sun, she and her sisters and brothers walked, skipped and ran up the long, winding hill for there were no school busses then. She graduated from high school in Hickory in the class of 1931.

For thirty years she worked for the McCullough doctors in Washington, PA. as an X-ray technician and lived in various apartments throughout the city. In 1955 she moved back to Woodrow to live with her aging parents. This meant getting reliable transportation to Washington and her job. So she learned to drive and bought a car.

In 1973 she became a teachers aide at Western Center near Canonsburg working with Special Education children until 1980.

When twelve years old Elva joined the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, now the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Dwight Davidson was the pastor. Elva has been an active and faithful member ever since.

Elva's whole life has been spent in serving and helping others - her years as X-ray technician, the Western Center children and her parents. Living now in the Thomas Campbell Apartments in Washington, she keeps busy helping her neighbors and driving back to Hickory to church and meetings. Locally she is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Farm Women's Club, the Presbyterian Women's group of our church and a faithful member of the Quilters Group.

Although she misses the "Old Wabash Railroad" and the Bushy Rock-Woodrow locale and her Hickory Church nearby, we hope Elva has many happy years continuing to minister to her family, friends and neighbors.

We honor and salute her.

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FLORENCE MILLER

You were born not far from this community on August 19, 1892 one of the daughters of David C. and Sarah Vogle Miller. Being one of a family of twelve children, and in a home where thrift and industry were necessary, you early learned the dignity of hard work and this you have demonstrated in a practical way throughout your long life of more than eighty years.

Your education was received in the Moore One-room School near your birth-place, and your practical training in the home where your Mother and older sisters saw to it that you had plenty to occupy your time.

Early interesting yourself in the cultivation of flowers, you have made this a hobby which has brought satisfaction to yourself and joy to many other people. This hobby was strengthened by your membership in the Martha Washington Garden Club and the Mt. Pleasant Farm Women's Club. You demonstrated the practical and useful side of raising flowers by having charge of the floral arrangements in our church sanctuary for twenty years, and many of the flowers used there were from your own garden. This contribution to our worship services has been both beautiful and valuable.

Your jovial disposition has endeared you to your many friends over the years, and although you have been the recipient of many good-intended jokes, your quick and ready wit has always enabled you to reply with something just as good or better, and we love you for it all.

In this tribute, we wish to thank you for your many acts of kindness done, and our hope is that your usefulness will continue in the years to come.

From your friends in the Church and in

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VERNER M. MOORE

A life-long resident of the Hickory Community, Verner Moore was born on June 14, 1900, a son of William C. and Emma L. White Moore. He and his wife live in the house in Hickory where he was born and this has always been his home. His Father was a member of the Moore Family who had been long-time residents of Mt. Pleasant Township, and his Mother was a lineal descendant of the Rev. Matthew Henderson, early Seceder minister of Canonsburg, and also of John and Mary Ann Patterson White, pioneers of the Chartiers Valley.

Verner attended the Hickory Public School, and at an early age, he was baptized in and became a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church now continuing as a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Employed as a truck driver for many years by James M. Caldwell and Walter Carlisle, Verner also worked at Flannery Bolt Company and the Universal Cyclops mills in Bridgeville. He was a carpenter by trade in later years and as such was a member of the Journeyman's Carpenters and Joiners of America Local No. 541 from 1946 until his retirement in 1966.

He was married to Alice E. Ayres of Burgettstown and they are the parents of four sons and five daughters, with twenty-seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren completing their family circle.

Verner is interested in old papers and documents pertaining to local history and he treasures old records which are in his possession on the history of the former Mt. Pleasant Church.

Best wishes are extended to Verner on this occasion by

The Fireside Club

JANE MINERVA MORGAN SMITH
Born on December 13, 1892

A daughter of Luther Martin and Minerva Jane Shelley Morgan, you were born on a farm in our community, one of a family of four girls and three boys. You attended the Moore one-room School and graduated from the Hickory High School in the Class of 1911.

On March 22, 1917 you were married to Vance M. Smith, and your life together was spent on your fine farm, where farming and dairying were followed with marked success. Your husband was a civic-minded individual, who, in addition to his duties on the farm, was ever ready to work for the good of the community. His services to his Church as a ruling elder and to his home Township as a school director were valuable and significant.

Your own duties were pretty well confined to the home as the Mother of a fine family of nine children, and now your love and concern for them is extended to your seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In addition to your wifely and motherly duties, you have found time to devote to your flowers and garden.

Your happiness has been interrupted by the deaths of your husband in 1967 and of your son, Paul in 1970.

As a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, and now of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, of the Worthwhile Class in the Sunday School and the Fireside Club, of the Miller's Run Grange and the Mt. Pleasant Farm Women's Club, you have kept active and interested in the affairs of the community. In your home, you use your time wisely and well by piecing quilts and braiding rugs, in watching some of the good shows on television, and in giving a glad welcome to your family and friends when they call to visit you.

We compliment you for the things which you have done for your own satisfaction and joy, and we thank you for having done those things which have increased the happiness of so many other people. We wish for you many more years of usefulness and happiness, and we now salute you as one of our Golden Age members.

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MARGARET NORRIS OLLIFFE

You were born in our neighboring town of Houston, a daughter of George R. and Elizabeth Seabright Norris on January 31, 1905. You attended public school at Burgettstown, where your father served as the Principal. He had earlier taught in the Hickory School. Three years of High School were spent at California, Pa., where your father also served as Principal. Your last year of high school was in Pittsburgh where you graduated from Westinghouse High School in 1922. You then entered Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie-Mellon University) to study public school music, graduating there in June of 1927. While attending Carnegie you played the Cello in the College Symphony Orchestra. Following graduation you taught music (reluctantly) in the Homestead Schools for three years.

You met Bob Olliffe at a football game in 1924. Bob was an immigrant from Ireland and had just come to Pittsburgh from California where his sister lived. Bob was a baker, having learned his trade from his father in Ireland. While in California he had been offered a job with the Ward Baking Company in Pittsburgh. Dates with this young Irishman followed and soon you two fell in love.

Marriage was out of the question since your parents felt that the expense of your education indicated that you MUST get your permanent teaching certificate, which required three years of teaching. Bob was given a promotion and the company transferred him to Detroit. Many visits were made between Pittsburgh and Detroit! You were married April 13, 1928 in a ceremony arranged by a friend. However, back in Pittsburgh, no-one was aware of the marriage until after you had received that precious document, your PERMANENT CERTIFICATE. You and Bob were, however, able to spend your summer vacations together. In June, 1931 with the valued teaching certificate in hand, you literally shook the chalk-dust of West Homestead off your clothes and feet and hurried to Detroit to live with Bob.

The following year, Bob got a new job with the National Biscuit Co., and you moved to Newburgh, N.Y., where you lived until 1949, when Bob was transferred to Newark, N.J., where you lived until retirement in 1965. You did some substitute teaching while living in Newark.

You built your present home in 1966 on land given to you by your Uncle John and Aunt Mary Seabright. Here, the vegetable garden, flowers and the yard work brought great joy to both of you. You made friends quickly and affiliated with the Hickory U.P. Church, which you found to be of great comfort.

In anticipation of your Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, while still in excellent health, you flew to Ireland to visit relatives and friends, staying six weeks. Bob enjoyed this trip so much, introducing you to acquaintances and showing you the special spots of his native land. You are glad you both made this trip one year earlier than your Anniversary, for just one year later Bob developed a terminal illness and died on December 2, 1979. You did observe your Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a special dinner together at the Red Bull Inn on April 13, 1978.

Life is now lonely for you Margaret, but you have kept busy doing things you both loved to do -- being of service to friends and neighbors, cooking and caring for your aged Uncle and his companion, who live nearby, visiting and staying with your 99 year old Mother who lives with your sister in Pittsburgh. May God Bless You in your living at the beautiful home which you and Bob built together is the wish of your friends in,

MINNIE OTT ASHBROOK

Minnie Ott Ashbrook was born near Swartz Station in Greene County on April 5, 1907. Her parents were Sanford and Sadie Billetter Ott.

While in the lower grades she attended Lone Pine and Lincoln Hill Schools. When her parents moved into the McCarrell Schoolhouse she went to the sixth and seventh grade at Hickory. She attended the Fort Donaldson School while in eighth grade as her family then lived on the Charles Alrutz farm.

On June 14, 1923 she was married to Glenn Ashbrook from Washington, Pa. He was a carpenter and was employed by the Washington Co. Bridge Department of Road Maintenance and he was in charge of the care and upkeep of Covered Bridges.

Their family consisted of two sons and two daughters. The oldest son, Merle, now lives at Pen Yan, New York. The two daughters married brothers. Leora (Mrs. William McGowan) is now deceased. Dale (Mrs. Joseph McGowan) lives in Buckhannon W. Va. and Lance lives at Rockville, Md. There are now 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

The Ashbrooks lived at several locations, one of these being the farm more recently owned by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Clark.

(Just a note for comparison of prices then and now). At that time Minnie remembers paying \$10.00 per month rent for this house. In 1939 they built a house on Route 18. After her parents' death they moved into the Sanford Ott house, about 3 miles South of Hickory where Minnie still makes her home. Mr. Ashbrook died May 28, 1976.

Minnie is interested in sports and likes to watch them on TV. She also enjoys Western movies.

Some of her hobbies are crocheting, crafts and needlework. She is making a Scrapbook and also takes many pictures of her children and grandchildren and their families.

VINCENT M. PAUL and EDNA ALRUTZ PAUL

The date of this Recognition Service, June 27, 1975 marks the 58th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent M. Paul, since they were married on this date in 1917. This couple have been members of the Hickory Community and of our Church here for many years. Vincent was ordained an elder in the Mt. Prospect Church on April 6, 1947 and he served in that office until 1968.

Vincent M. Paul, a son of William M. and Vinta McGugin Paul, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township on January 26, 1894. His boyhood was spent in the Hickory Community and he graduated from Hickory High School, then going on to take further training at Duff's College in Pittsburgh. He soon became interested in the field of wire communications, and for a number of years was employed by Western Union in maintaining their lines west of Pittsburgh. This work led Vince into the telephone field, and he was associated with several local telephone companies in Washington County and in north-eastern Ohio.

Edna Alrutz Paul was born on May 3, 1895 and she, too, has been a life-long resident of the Hickory Community. Mr. and Mrs. Paul are the parents of two daughters: Lorraine Anderson, a teacher in the Brecksville, Ohio Schools, and Olive Dalton, a registered nurse who lives with her family in Madison, New Jersey. There are six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Of the six grandchildren, the Pauls will tell you: "Five of them have M. A. degrees in Education, and the sixth one is working at it."

Vince and Edna are proud of the fact that they built the house in which they live and in which they raised their two daughters. Another joy and hobby is Vincent's telephone museum, which he has had the pleasure of showing to visitors from every state in the Union and from Canada and from some other foreign countries such as India, Italy, and the Netherlands. At the request of the United States government, he displayed his collection at a Washington, D.C. Convention some years ago. Having been a Western Union man, and a railroad and telephone man, his museum has provided him the opportunity of relaxing, while working with these phones of the past. He has 222 antique phones, no two alike, and dating from 1878.

In addition to his interest in his telephone collection, Vince is interested in antique automobiles, and he has done much work along the line of repairing and re-conditioning old cars in his collection. On the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, Vince took his "bride" of fifty years to the Church in a restored Model T Ford Car.

Membership in the Tri-State Historical Steam Engine Association has been a source of great pleasure to both Edna and Vince, and they were active for many years in the Annual Steam Engine Show.

Fraternally, Vince belonged to the Order of Knights of Pythias, and he was active in the affairs of the Hickory Lodge for many years.

Edna has been his loving and faithful helpmate, even to cleaning and re-finishing some of the old telephones. Although they have had health problems in recent years, the Pauls have never lost their wonderful sense of humor. It is a pleasure to visit them and to chat with them.

Best Wishes for the future years of this venerable couple are hereby extended by their many friends in

The Fireside Club

C. HAYES PEASE

You were 91 years of age on May 4, 1973 and as such you qualify for a place among the nonagenarians of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Born on the farm of your parents, Mr and Mrs J C Pease in South Strabane Township, you grew up in that environment and were trained, in early life for the duties of the farm and dairy. You attended the schools of your native township, and you spent about three years as a teacher in the public schools after completing your own education.

But the call to life on the farm kept pursuing you, and after your marriage on March 21, 1912 to Roberta Linn, you settled on a farm in Cecil Township where you were successful as a farmer, dairyman and poultryman. You continued this work with much success on another farm in North Strabane Township until your retirement from active duties in 1955, when you moved to Hickory.

Your life on the farm included the rearing of a family as you and Roberta were the parents of one son and two daughters. Your son was a practicing veterinarian until his untimely death, and your daughters are still with you. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren have also come along to enhance your pride in a fine family.

Your interest in the better things of life prompted you and Mrs. Pease to take active parts in the church life of the communities where you have lived. In the Mt. Prospect Church at Thomas you served as ruling elder and as a teacher in the Sabbath School, and you continued those worthy activities as long as you were able in the Mt. Prospect Church here at Hickory. Since Mrs. Pease was called home, you have been living with your daughters, and we miss your valued services here in the Hickory Church and community. We salute you as one of our valuable older members, and we hope that the years ahead will be good ones for you.

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MABEL PHILLIPS STEWART

Mabel Alice Phillips Stewart was born January 24, 1910, the youngest child of Robert and Elizabeth Spear Phillips on a farm located just below the home of Clare and Helen White. The farm belonged to her grandmother Lizzie Spear. Two weeks later, Jack White, the youngest brother of Clare White was born. Grandma Spear officiated at both births. The White families first recollection of Mabel was seeing the two babies, Mabel and Jack, being tended in one bed by Grandma Spear. There were six children in the Phillips family; Howard, Clark, Bert, David, Mary and Mabel, Clark and David are now deceased, but the remaining four live in the Hickory and Washington Area.

Mabel's early education began in McCarrell school (now the home of Mabel Cowden). Following Grandma Spear's death, Mabel's mother, Elizabeth S. Phillips, sold the Spear land to John P. White, Sr. In 1916 Elizabeth and Robert Phillips bought the Moore farm in Woodrow. Mabel's school now was in Cross Creek Township at Bushy Rock school near where the Henry Ahn's family live. Six year old Mabel with her brothers and sister walked up Bushy Rock hill, a distance of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles in rain, snow and sleet, there being no bus transportation. Completing her elementary education, one of Mabel's desires was to go to Hickory High School to be with her friend Mary Jane McGugin, but her mother needed help in her multiple housewife duties and Mabel stayed home. To raise money Mabel and her sister Mary kept rabbits; killed and dressed them and Mary took them to market in Pittsburgh, riding the Wabash train boarding it at the Woodrow Station.

Mabel joined Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at an early age and has been a faithful member ever since. She taught the youngest children in Sunday School for years and possesses a long chain of pins given for perfect attendance. She has been a member of all the women's organizations starting with Lightbearers, and now the present Women's Association. She is irregular attendance of the Worthwhile Daughters Class.

On March 15, 1935 she married Glenn Stewart, son of Frank and Mary Marquis Stewart. After several years, Glenn and Mabel built their home on Routh 18 in Chartiers Township. Mabel and Glenn had six children: Alice, wife of Charles Ranegar (has taught school in Washington for many years); Wray, husband of Carol Cramer who have three sons; Mary Ann at home; Elsie, wife of Dale Temple who have one son; Nancy, wife of James King; and Jane, wife of Larry Heckman who have one daughter and one son. -- a total of five grandsons and one granddaughter she is very proud of them and delights in their development and accomplishments.

Life has not been easy through the years and now Mabel is badly crippled with arthritis. Glenn was hurt years ago unable to be gainfully employed and was an invalid for a good many years before his death in 1979. Mabel was the breadwinner for the family but all of the children went to highschool, even to college thus fulfilling her early desire to go to high school.

Mabel is an excellent gardener and puts in an early garden when her friends are just studying the seed catalogs. Her flowers bloom long and profusely.

HOWARD MILLER PHILLIPS

Howard Miller Phillips, a son of Robert and Elizabeth Speer Phillips, was born in a small log house that was originally part of the Hughes Tannery complex, one of the first industries hereabouts, located along the creek on property now belonging to Dick Stewart. He was one of six children, Dave, Clark, Robert S., Mary Moore, and Mabel Stewart. The family later moved to the farm now owned by John M. Caldwell and then to Woodrow where the new apartments now stand. He attended McCarrell School which later became the residence of John Cowden. Early in life he engaged in teaming in the oil and gas fields locally.

On May 19, 1925, he married the late Ruby Mae Vogle and they resided on the farm, now the home of Dick Stewart, where he began dairying which he engaged in for the next fifty years on farms in Washington and Allegheny Counties. He is the father of three children, the late James H., Ruby E. Dodge of Pittsburgh, and Robert J. of Hickory. A stepson, the Rev. Dr. John S. Winters resides in Lake Wales, Florida.

In August 1974, he returned to Hickory where he resides with his son. This September 1, he celebrated his 90th birthday.

In Hickory, he is still only a stones throw from the tracks of the old Wabash Railroad which cut through the home farm in Woodrow and two others that he operated. As he sees the oil burning engines go by today, he can still recall seeing the first passenger train smoking westward, the 20 horse teams hauling the heavy machinery in to do the grading, the early tunnel building, and the crews of immigrants involved. He remembers the first freight shipment in to Woodrow - a new grain binder, and the first freight west - a traction steam engine, by a thresherman moving from Woodrow to the state of Ohio.

Fireside Club salutes you and hopes you have many more birthdays.

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ROBERT S. PHILLIPS

To your many friends, you are better known as "Bert". You are a son of Robert and Elizabeth Speer Phillips and you were born in a small log house on McCalmont Hill in Mt. Pleasant Township on January 20, 1899. You are one of six children born into this family, the others being Howard, Clark and David, with sisters Mary and Mabel. From the place of your birth, your family moved to what is now the John M. Caldwell farm where you lived for five years. Their next move was to Woodrow where you lived with the family on the Phillips Farm until your marriage. You attended McCarrell School and one year at the Hickory High School.

Your early years were spent, in the summer-time with the neighborhood boys swimming in the creek on the present C. M. White farm, and during your school-days you contributed your share to the teachers' dilemma, since the boys in school far out-numbered the girls.

On June 16, 1934 you were united in marriage with a former school-mate, Gertrude McGugin. This ceremony was performed at Washington, Iowa, but you did not remain long in that State. You returned to the Hickory-Woodrow area where your entire life has been spent. To your union, one son, James R. Phillips was born, and your family circle has grown to include four grand-daughters all of whom you cherish dearly.

You and Gertrude have been life-long members of the Mt. Prospect Church and now the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

You began your life's work in the employ of the McGugin Gas Company, working under the direction of Park Miller. This Company later came to be known as Keystone Gas Company. Later, you were employed by the Gulf Refinery at Neville Island, and until your retirement, at the Eliza Metal Company at Bridgeville, Penna.

We take this opportunity to wish for you, your wife and family God's fullest blessings during all the years of your retired life.

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EDNA PHILLIPS FOSTER

You were born in a small log house located in a hollow up the road toward Bushy Rock School near Woodrow in Cross Creek Township. Your parents were William M. and Esther Flanegin Phillips, and your Mother died when you were very young. Following her death, you and your Father moved to Washington, Penna. and for a while, you lived in the old stone house located on the Fair Grounds at Arden. While you were in your late teens, you traveled with your Father who was engaged in helping lay a pipe-line in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. You received your education in the Washington Public Schools. At the age of twelve years, you united with the Third Presbyterian Church of Washington.

In 1913, you were united in marriage with Clyde M. Foster and your married life was spent in Canonsburg. A daughter, Betty came to bless your home. Both you and your husband were active in the affairs of the First Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, in the Young Peoples' organizations and the Missionary Society. You lost your husband by death when Betty was three years old, and you supported yourself and daughter by boarding school-teachers. After moving to the Hickory community, you were house-keeper for Earl Smiley for a number of years. Following Mr. Smiley's death, you worked as a practical nurse and companion in the area/.

When you moved to Hickory, you transferred your membership to the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, where you have been active in the Worth-while Daughters' Class and the Womens' Association.

Keenly interested in and proud of the History of your Family, you are always alert to happenings in that Family, as well as in the family of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. In spite of the fact that your health is not robust, yet you enjoy reading, crocheting and cooking and the care of your apartment home here in Hickory. Your many friends enjoy your always friendly greeting, and they appreciate the interest which you show in those with whom you come in contact. That your usefulness in your home and community may continue for many years is the wish of your friends in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and in

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ALVERDA MAE POWELSON STEWART

The village of Cross Creek was your birthplace. Your parents were John Mason Patterson Powelson and Nancy Bell Thompson. There were eight in your family, five sisters and two brothers. Cross Creek Township schools provided ten grades of your schooling and you finished at Hickory High School, graduating in 1924. Further education in preparation for public school teaching was gained at Washington & Jefferson College and at California State Teachers College. You then taught in Cross Creek Township Schools from 1924 'til 1927.

It was in 1927 that a dashing young man, Alvin Ray Stewart, persuaded you to change professions and on September 22, 1927 you were married to Alvin in the sanctuary of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church by the Reverend Joseph S. Moreledge, having the distinction of being the first couple to be married by Rev. Moreledge in his new pastorate.

Your marriage was blessed with the births of three lively sons, James Alvin, Richard Deane and John Dennis. Your home was saddened by Jim's death in a motorcycle accident in 1955. However, your other two boys have remained nearby; Dick owns and operates your farm, the Moore place, also the Clare M. White farm. Your husband, besides running the family farm, drilled water wells all over the area. You have three grandsons, two granddaughters and five great grandchildren. One granddaughter is deceased.

While fixing a truck tire, your husband Ab was severely hurt. Many months of hospitalization and convalescence followed and finally he recovered. Fortunately, during the war years you had returned to teaching and you taught at Eldersville, Cross Creek, Patterson Mills and Avella Heights, retiring in 1970. Ab died suddenly while holding his beloved granddaughter, Nancy, on December 21, 1958, while you were at church practicing Christmas music.

All of your life, one of your major interests has been music. Your parents were both musically inclined and your father taught all of his children to read music, keep time and to play an instrument. You sang for many years in the Mt. Prospect Choir and community choruses, always keeping the others in key and in time. You retired from the choir, as you put it, "before you started to sing flat".

Your other hobby is quilting. It is estimated you have quilted at least 200 quilts for friends and acquaintances - they still keep coming in! You have pieced, appliqued and cross stitched and quilted at least 25 of your own quilts.

For you we can only hope you have many more years of quilting and singing and playing your organ and piano. Good wishes are extended by all of us at,

THE FIRESIDE CLUB.

MARY PRONKO LAURICK

Mary Pronko Laurick was born at Olyphant, Penna. on December 28, 1898, the second oldest child of Michael and Dora Pronko. She attended the grade school at Carnegie with her two brothers and three sisters until hard times made it necessary for her to leave school and help out at home.

On August 5, 1913, she married John Laurick, a naturalized citizen who had come to America at the age of eleven years. They were married in the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church of Carnegie, which Mary attended as a child. Following their marriage, they resided at Jeanette, Penna. where John was employed in the rubber factory.

Their first son, John was born at Jeanette. He and son number two, Michael live in Columbus, Ohio at the present time and are employed by the Penn Central Railroad. A third son, Paul is a self-employed blacksmith in Lexington, Kentucky. William who lives in Hickory is employed by T W A Airlines. George is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, California. James, the youngest, is a Master Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and he is stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

John and Mary and their six sons operated the Roslyn Farms Riding Academy for 25 years. When the building of the Parkway necessitated taking their stable area and riding paths, they moved to McDonald, Pa. where they operated a dairy farm for eleven years.

When retirement time came, they built a house in Hickory where they resided for 18 years. In 1963, John and Mary celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an Open House for friends and relatives. Mary has fifteen grandchildren, ranging in age from 3 years to 35 years, and five great-grandchildren.

Mary is a member of the Hickory Farm Women's Club, the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, the Fireside Club, the Women's Association and the Worthwhile Daughters Sunday School Class. She has been a widow for seven years, since her husband, John died on May 10, 1968.

Best Wishes are here sent to Mrs. Laurick by

The Fireside Club

MINNIE RUTH REEDY COOKE

Minnie Ruth Reedy Cooke was born November 15, 1906 at Black Hawk, Pa. a daughter of Emma Hanenkrat and Wesley Reedy. There were five boys and three girls in the family.

Minnie attended Rankin School which had but one room. This school was located between the Ed Miller farm and Robinson's. Mr. A. D. McCarrell was her first teacher. There was no school bus so the children walked. When this school was closed she came to Hickory for the rest of her schooling. While in High School she played basketball all four years. She had highest regards for the principal, Mr. H. L. Pedicord. He was the one who thought she should be a teacher, so by going to summer school and night school, Minnie finally got her certificate and she is so thankful for her 39 years of teaching. She taught one year at Cedar Grove and four years at Cross Creek in Cross Creek Township. Then she went to Primrose for sixteen years and was at Hickory School for 18 years.

On May 25, 1937 Minnie married her longtime boy friend, Raymond Cooke. They began housekeeping on Washington Avenue and have been there ever since.

The happiest time of her life was when their son, Darwin, arrived on March 19, 1947. Darwin married Gertrude Hettman on June 21, 1969 and they have three lovely boys; Eric, Chad and Ryan.

Raymond passed away suddenly on January 23, 1965, the year Darwin was a Senior in high school.

Since retiring, Minnie has had many wonderful trips, especially the one to Hawaii. When she can find time to stay home her time is spent in quilting at home or at the church.

RALPH B. RETZER

You were born on November 10, 1889 and so will observe your 84th birthday in a short time. Coming from one of the good German families who have been so valuable to the life of Mt. Pleasant Township, and also belonging to a family with many members, you were early trained in habits of thrift and industry which have stood you in good stead throughout your active life.

Your schooling and early experiences fitted you for a life in the business world, and these led you eventually into a responsible executive position in the Flannery Manufacturing Company of Bridgeville, where you proved yourself capable and faithful to the trust which had there been placed in your hands. After fifty years service there you retired in 1958. Your acute business abilities were used to good advantage, also, in the management of the Hickory-Penn Gas Company in which organization you were active for many years.

In 1910 you united in the membership of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, and at the time of the merger of the Mt. Prospect and Mt. Pleasant churches in 1969, you were the person holding the longest continuous membership in the Mt. Pleasant congregation.

You strengthened your membership in the congregation by marrying the parson's daughter, when, on November 15, 1916 you and Margaret Stunkard were united in the "Holy Bonds". We rejoice with both of you that these bonds still hold and we congratulate you on the fine family of four daughters, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who are your constant pride and joy. May happiness and health attend all your years is the wish of all of your friends in

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ALICE THELMA RUMBAUGH COWDEN

You were born on Valley Street in McDonald, Penna. on September 19, 1895, one of seven children born to William J. and Martha Edith Ayres Rumbaugh. When you were three years of age, your family moved to the Moorehead Farm, and later to the Espy Farm, both of which they operated before moving back to McDonald.

You received your education at the Cook School in Cecil Township, and at the Southside School. After school, you worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad at their Pittsburg office, as a clerk on car records.

At the age of twenty-one years, you were united in marriage with Joseph Lawrence Cowden, and your married life was spent on the Joseph A. Cowden farm until 1922, when you bought and moved to the Thompson and Scott farms, which your husband operated until his death on August 2, 1954. Lawrence also served as a road supervisor in Mt. Pleasant Township. You continue to live on the farm which has been your home for so many years.

Your family which occupies much of your time consists of four sons and five daughters, and you have twenty-seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren to complete the family roster.

You have been a long-time member of the Mt. Pleasant Farm Women's Club, and of the Mt. Pleasant, now the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Best Wishes as a Golden Ager are extended to you on this occasion by

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WALTER S. SCOTT

You were born on February 16, 1884, so we are happy at this time to salute you as one of the Senior members of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Although you were raised in the Burgettstown community, yet you moved to Mt. Pleasant Township while still a young man, so most of your active adult life has been spent in the Hickory community.

For forty-five years you were a merchant and leading businessman in Hickory as one of the owners and proprietors of the Retzer and Scott General Store. Since that business was closed in 1962, you have lived a quiet, retired life, choosing to remain among the people whom you have known during most of your life.

You were married on October 9, 1913 to Matilda Cook and your fine family consisted of five sons and one daughter, who, fortunately for you, live not far from Hickory so they can look in on you frequently.

Death has invaded your family circle when you son, Wayne and later Mrs. Scott were taken from you.

In your Golden Years, we hope that life has been good to you, and we wish you happiness and health throughout all those years.

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WILLIAM BERRY SCOTT

You were born on March 24, 1903, the oldest of three children, born to Lee R. and Mary Etta Berry Scott on the farm on your great grandfather, Finley Scott, in Smith Township.

You started to school at the age of seven to Cooke's School, a one room school on Route 18, south of Atlasburg, riding part time with your neighbor and teacher, Mary Belle Welch. You finished your grade school days at Atlasburg and graduated from Union High School at Burgettstown in 1922.

You began your farming career with your father, who prized his purebred cattle, sheep and horses. You started your own herd of Shorthorns with a cow and calf and continued in the farming business for many years, using Percheron horses until 1940, when your first tractor took over and gradually retired the horses to a life of leisure.

You were married in June 1933 to Alice S. Mowl and lived on the home farm for about four years, during which time two children, Marilyn and Bernard, were born. After the death of your wife's father in 1937 you moved to her home farm east of Washington on Routh 40, which was a stock and fruit farm. Two more children, identical twins, Ruth and Rose, were born there.

You took an active part in the Grange and were members of the Laboratory Presbyterian Church of Washington, where you served as Elder and Alice sang in the choir for many years.

Death saddened your home in Oct. 1953 when Alice was killed in an automobile accident. After her death you worked for the neighbors until 1958 when you started working for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, testing milk for the farmers around Hickory, which proved to be a blessing in disguise, for in April 1960, you were united in marriage to Betty Kelso, a sister of one of the herd owners.

You set up housekeeping on Routh 50 east of Hickory and lived there until 1973, when you moved to a mobile home on the Kelso farm.

You joined the Mt. Prospect Church, now the Hickory U. P. Church, in 1960, taking part in the choir as work permitted.

You continued working for the D.H.I.A. for more than ten years, serving the farmers well by being very conscientious in your records and then substituting for other testers for many more years, finally retiring in November 1979.

For your dedicated services we thank you and wish you many more years in which to enjoy your retirement.

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ANNIE HELEN SEABRIGHT ALRUTZ

Annie Seabright, daughter of Charles F. and Cora Viola Walker Seabright, was born on the present Lowry Farm in southern Mt. Pleasant Township, near Ft. Donaldson School-house, on July 16, 1905. The family later moved to one of her Grandfather Seabright's farms in Mt. Pleasant Township, and that was their home until her Mother's death and her Father's retirement from the farm.

There being no school within walking distance in Mt. Pleasant Township, the Seabright girls (Annie has one sister, Mrs. Cecil Brinkman) were permitted to attend school at the one-room Bushy Rock School in Cross Creek Township, walking there across the Smiley Farm to the west to reach the school.

Since there were no boys in the family, the Seabright girls had ample opportunities to assist their Father in the work on the farm, so Annie drove the tractor and operated other farm machinery, and milked the cows and made butter, which was shipped on the railroad to Pittsburgh. Later they and some of their neighbors produced and shipped cream to the city.

After school days and three or four years working on the farm, on September 27, 1922, Annie was married to Louis Christopher Alrutz, who, like herself, was a descendant of one of the thrifty families of German descent who had settled in Mt. Pleasant Township and who have been prominent in the life and economy of the area for many years.

Louis and Annie did not choose to remain on the farm, but he sought employment with a gas and oil drilling firm which he followed until later years, when his work was with the Delfrate Packing Company, from which he retired in 1965. Louis died after a short illness on May 7, 1968 and Annie continues living in their home on Route 50 at the west end of Hickory. Many Good Wishes to her from

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JAMES KENNETH SHERWOOD AND SARA ELIZABETH FRYE SHERWOOD

James Kenneth Sherwood better known to his friends as "Kenny" was born to Francis Elizabeth and Fred C. Sherwood at Middlebourne, W. Va. on February 13, 1909. One of five children, he had a twin sister and three other sisters. The Sherwoods of English Heritage were early pioneer settlers at Parkers Landing near Pittsburgh, Pa. However, Kenneth's father later migrated to Atwood, W. Va. to work for his brother Mark G. Sherwood, general manager of Tri State Gas Co.

Kenneth's mother died of influenza in 1920, and his father of a heart attack in 1923, leaving the 5 children orphaned. They were raised by their grandparents.

Kenneth attended school in Middlebourne W. Va. and later when he lived with his grandparents transferred to Bruin, Pa. He is a graduate of the National Radio Institute, Washington, D. C.

Upon finishing school Kenneth was employed by Tri State Gas Co. of Atwood, W. Va. He came to Hickory in 1929 to work in the communications Department of Columbia Gas. He worked in Hickory until 1961, when he was promoted to lead communications man for Columbia Gas in Washington, PA. a position he held until his retirement in 1974.

His wife, Sara Elizabeth Frye Sherwood was one of eleven children. She was born on the home farm on Route 18 North near Hickory on August 21, 1909 to Sarah V. and Albert Floyd Frye. Her father was a farmer and later the rural mail carrier from the Hickory Post Office.

Elizabeth did not enter school until she was seven because there was no transportation. That year from November to March she had measles, mumps, chicken-pox and scarlet fever. So that year was a disaster and her parents removed her from school. Finally at eight she finally made it through a school year giving her a very late start by today's standards. She graduated in 1929 as salutatorian of her class. In her Senior year she was a member of a Forensic Team which won for little Hickory High first place in the County and gave its members a \$400. scholarship to college. Elizabeth graduated from Slippery Rock State College where she was again a member of the Forensic Team. In her Senior year she was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges" and to the National Honorary English Society, and graduated with honors. She taught 4 years in Canonsburg-McMillan school district and then 27 years in the Chartiers-Houston School District until her retirement in 1975.

Kenneth and Elizabeth were married July 20, 1935 in the bride's home by Rev. Cornelius Thomas. They lived in their home on Route 50 in Hickory from 1935-1972. Then built a new home on Dire Drive. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last year. They have one daughter, Alice Sherwood Lehmann and 2 grandsons Christopher 17 and Blake 14. Alice is a graduate of Westminster College and taught Senior High English before her marriage and is presently Director of Membership of the YMCA, Lancaster, PA.

The Sherwoods continue to be active in the Community. They belong to Hickory U. P. Church and the Chartiers Houston Sr. Citizens. Kenneth is a member of the Lions Club.

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Elizabeth is a life member of the NEA and PSEA. She has for many years belonged to the Hickory Women's Club and the Women's Association of the Church, and is a past Deacon.

Kenneth has a shop and has built several clocks and other woodwork. He is an avid gardner.

Elizabeth's hobbies are latch hooking, crewel, reading and playing bridge. She also has a bicycle which she rides on Dire Drive.

The Sherwoods have spent several Winters in Florida, have taken trips to Hawaii, Canada, and various places in the U.S.A.

Best wishes for the years ahead are hereby given by your friends in

The Fireside Club

NELLE SIMONS MARSHALL

You were born on January 6, 1896, on a farm two miles out of Washington, Pa. and had two sisters and one brother. Your brother is now living in Charleroi, Pa.

For many years you and your family were members of the Central Presbyterian Church of Washington. You attended elementary school in town and graduated from Washington High School. Soon after that in 1916 you were married to Harry Marshall and moved into town where you lived in several different locations. During those years your son and daughter were born. Your daughter, Jean, died at the age of seven; but your son Jerry, is now living near Hartford, Connecticut, and is the father of your six grandchildren.

In 1940 you and Harry moved to Woodrow, Pa., where he was the Postmaster and ran a store and filling station in a building beside the railroad bridge. You lived across the road in a white bungalow where you had a beautiful flower garden.

During the years in Woodrow you and Harry became affiliated with the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and joined the Fireside Club shortly thereafter. You were both active members of the club, and we remember several meetings held in your home. You were also a faithful member of the Women's Missionary Society and could always be counted on to help with a program. You also belonged to the Hickory Women's Club for many years.

After Harry's death you sold the property in Woodrow and returned to Washington to live for a time. While there you attended Faith U. P. Church. Then for thirteen years you resided with Jerry and his family in Connecticut and had the pleasure of watching your grandchildren grow up. A few months ago you became ill and returned to your beloved Washington County to reside at the Presbyterian Medical Center where you have renewed many old friendships from your days in Hickory.

At present you are hoping to move to Florida with your son who is now retired from the U. S. Air Force and plans to move permanently to Florida in the Spring.

Your friends wish for you God's richest blessings.

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WILLIAM REA SIMPSON

You were born in Hickory, Penna. the son of William Graham and Katherine Wells Simpson. Your childhood in the old home town was a happy one spent in the back yards and streets of the Village and on nearby farms. Winters were spent in the local school at Hickory. The Simpson boys, including yourself, were noted for their mischievous bent, being involved in many pranks at various times. You graduated from the Hickory High School in 1911, and while in school, you participated in the sports of baseball and basketball. Your keen interest in sports has continued into your later years of life.

In 1915, you were united in marriage with Grace Gladden, and this union was blessed with the birth of two sons and one daughter. Your family now consists of grand-children and one great-grandchild.

For thirty years you were employed by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in sales and supervision, living in New York State. Following your retirement, you and Grace moved to Sarasota, Florida. After fifty-six years of a happy married life, Grace died at Toledo, Ohio in 1971. You then moved to the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

Your interest in sports culminated in active golf playing. Many rounds were played and trophies won at the Brookfield Country Club and the Lancaster Country Club in New York. In 1962, you won the Bobby Jones award for citizens over 70 in Sarasota. Locally, the best remembered athletic feat was your winning a running race at the 1918 Hickory Home-coming. The race began in Hickory, thence to the Paul Farm and back past the Donaldson Farm and into Hickory. Another who took part in this race was Curley Cowden.

Early in life, you joined the fellowship of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, and after your retirement, you brought your letter back to the home Church and are now a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Congregation.

In 1972, you married Jeanette Allison Carlisle, who was one of the girls of the neighborhood whom you dated back in your high-school days. You and Jeanette now make your home at 119 South Wade Avenue in Washington, Penna.

Jeanette was born in Imperial, Penna. on September 10, 1892 and later her family moved to Hickory. She graduated from Hickory High School in 1910, then she attended Indiana Normal School, later teaching school in Mt. Pleasant Township. In October, 1919, she married Dr. Milton Carlisle, and that marriage was blessed with the birth of two sons and one daughter. When Milt died, Jeanette returned to teaching in the local schools until her retirement. Jeanette joined the fellowship of the Mt. Prospect Church on November 3, 1907, and although not now nominally a member, yet we still claim her as our own. We salute both of you in your years together and it is the hope of your many friends that your years together may be good ones. In this hope, you are joined, too by

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WILLIAM KENNETH SMITH

The oldest of three children, Kenny, you were born on March 5, 1913 in the home of your parents, Leonard and Elsie Taggart Smith, who lived on a farm in Cross Creek Township near Rea, PA. You had a younger brother, Maxwell (now a retired County Agricultural Extension Agent) and a "baby sister", Ruth, the wife of John McNelly.

When you were twelve, your father died and you, along with your mother and your grandfather, J. W. Smith, had to take on the running of the farm. This you did quite well, as you built up a herd of Registered Holstein dairy cattle which was, and still is, well-known and highly respected.

Your early schooling was at the Bushy Rock School near your home, and later you attended Hickory High School. But farming was your choice for a life-long "profession", and you continued the operation of the family farm and dairy herd, although you did drive a school bus for 27 years.

You were able to convince Evelyn Berry that she would really make a super "farmer's wife", and you were married on June 29, 1935. You and Evelyn celebrated #53 in June, still living in the house where you were born. You were blessed with three children: Winifred Arlene (Elliott), Ronald Kenneth (who died at 4 1/2 years of age) and Wendell Rex, who is now running the dairy herd and farm with the help of one of your grandsons, Mark. You have six other grandchildren.

You have been active in many local, community, and church groups. Early in life you attended the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church in Hickory, but later joined the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church where you served as a Trustee. You are still active in the life of the Hickory U. P. Church which is a merger of the other two churches. You and Evelyn were among the charter members of the Fireside Club, a fellowship group for "young married couples" when it was started 50 years ago this Fall (10/11/38).

You served ten years on the Agricultural Stabilization Committee and on the board of the Agriculture Extension Service. You have also been a long-time member of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association. You are also a 60-year member of the Cross Creek Grange No. 954.

Kenny, as a charter member of the Fireside Club, we extend to you - and ourselves - hearty congratulations on this milestone event we all share. All, just for you, we extend our best wishes for this milestone in your own life.

WILHELMINIA CARLISLE

Wilhelminia, your arrival in Woodrow on August 29, 1902 was hailed by a long whistle from the "Old Wabash Railroad", it ran close by. You were one of three children, a brother Alvin R. Stewart, now deceased, and a sister, now Mrs. John Caldwell, Sr.

You along with Alvin and Helen treaded your way to Bushy Rock School, to learn your "Three R's". "Copper Heads" seemed to be a creepy subject too. You came to Hickory Vocational School in 1917, graduating in 1921. You excelled in the "Home Ec" Department, sewing your specialty and helping in the kitchen serving the school lunch, mainly hot soup program.

After graduating you taught in the Avella area. You sang in the "Old Prospect Choir" and there you met "Cliff" Carlisle.

You were married in your parents home June 18, 1926. You moved immediately into your new home in Hickory. Your family consists of three children, Alene McBride, Cambridge, Ohio, Dolores Loughry and James Walter of Hickory. Your family circle has grown to include nine grand-children and one great grandson, Stephen McBride. Cliff's sudden death on December 12, 1949 was a great shock to your family and community.

You returned to teaching in Mt. Pleasant Township, completing your teaching in the Hickory School in 1967.

You enjoy your superior talents of handwork and it adorns many of your family and friend's homes.

You have returned to the place of your birth, Woodrow. "Trains Still Whistle".

Enjoy the years ahead, "The best is yet to be".

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MARGARET STUNKARD RETZER

You were born in New Castle, Penna. on July 19, 1898 to the Rev. Charles and Mary E. Fisher Stunkard. Your early days were spent at Murrysville, Penna. where your Father was the first minister of the United Presbyterian Church there. The next move of your Family was to Pittsburgh where your Father ministered to the Twelfth Allegheny Church for three years. Finally, when you were thirteen your Father moved to the Mt. Pleasant Church of Hickory where he was to remain for more than twenty years. When the family made their next move, you remained in Hickory and it has been your home ever since. During a serious illness of your Mother, you became a second mother to your eight younger brothers and sisters. This "motherly" trait has been characteristic of your life and many besides your own family have benefitted from your help.

Your school days were spent in a building at Hickory which later was to become your home. After graduating from High School in June 1914, you took a teaching course at the University of Pittsburgh and began teaching at the age of eighteen years. Your students included a brother, and they were only a couple of years younger than you were at the time. You were one of the first teachers in the present school building in Hickory. You taught at the Cockins One-room School in Mt. Pleasant Township during the term 1915-16, and the following year this school was closed. In 1948-49, you taught first and second grades in the South-view School.

On November 15, 1916 you were united in marriage with Ralph B. Retzer the ceremony being performed in your own home with your Father officiating. Fifty years later you celebrated your Golden Wedding anniversary with your four daughters, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a host of friends assisting in the celebration. Your marriage was to last for fifty-seven years until Ralph's death on April 11, 1974.

Since childhood you were a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, having been active as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, and an organizer and first president of the Women's Association. Your activities in the Church have not diminished since the merger of the two churches, and it was your great honor to become one of the first two women elders of the present Church -- ordained in January, 1939.

You have been active, not only in your Church, but in the Community as well which has been made richer for your efforts. You joined the Women's Club of Hickory in 1918 and served as its president in 1945, and you helped to start a Youth Center. As one of the older members of the Canonsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which you joined in 1927, you served that organization as its regent from 1944 to 1947. This gave you an opportunity to spend some time in Washington, D. C., New York City and Philadelphia.

We salute you now as one whose many kind deeds and long service in the Church and Community have been and are an inspiration to others.

Your host of friends in the Church now wish you well, and that wish, too comes from the members of

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EDWIN B. SWARTZ

On May 31, 1911 in Hickory, PA. Edwin B. Swartz was born to Dr. Edwin and Mabel Swartz. Ed has two brothers, Louis and Samuel and one sister, Dorothy.

Marriage to Libby (the former Libera Ferrari) at her parents home in Monongahela was on December 2, 1940. They became the parents of two daughters - Anne, who lives in New York City and Mrs. Carol Baxter who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ed attended grade school and high school in Hickory. His education continued at Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. where he graduated in 1933 with an A.B. degree in English and a teaching certificate. Later, he received a certificate of higher accountancy from LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Illinois. He also had two years of social work at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Ed retired from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation on May 31, 1975 after 30 years of service. He was manager of the Columbia Gas Federal Credit Union at the time of his retirement. He joined Columbia Gas as a clerk at the Accounts Payable Department in 1945. In 1950 he became Supervisor of Accounts Payable and in 1960 Supervisor of General Accounting and assumed the position of Credit Union Manager in 1969.

From 1941-1945 Ed served as field director for the American Red Cross, serving the Marine Base at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina and the Camp Croft Army Base at Startanburg, North Carolina.

In community affairs, Ed has been a good citizen by serving on the Fort Cherry School Board for some twenty years. He is a Charter Member of the Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Lions Club.

Now a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, Ed became a communicant member of the former Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church in 1923 under the pastorate of the Reverend Charles Stunkard. In 1955 he was ordained an Elder of that church and now is a member of the Board of Elders in our church. All his life with faithfulness and distinction Ed has lived his religion - teaching various Sunday School Classes, acting as Sunday School Superintendent, taking part in youth work and singing in the choir. Presbytery has gained by his acting on various committees and he has been on the Board of Trustees.

His hobbies are gardening, reading and travel. The last few years he and Libby have spent the winter months in Myrtle Beach, North Carolina.

Fireside Club honors you, Ed, and hopes the coming years will be ones of happiness, health and joy.

HELEN LOUISE TRENARY WHITE

What a day it was in Trenary, Michigan when you arrived at the home of William and Lillian Gibson Trenary, May 31, 1907! The oldest in a family of 9 children, you quickly earned the title of "Stepmother" because you were so bossy! Following graduation from Trenary High School in 1924, you took a business course at Ferris Institute (now Ferris State University) at Big Rapids, Michigan. You furthered your training at a business college in Escanaba, Michigan and then entered the "working community" as a stenographer in the Ag. Engineering Department at Michigan State College (now University).

It was here that you met a young Ag. Engineer, Clare M. White, a recent graduate of Iowa State who was teaching at MSC. You had much in common - homesick, missing the environment of large families - and your acquaintance progressed to companionship, romance, and wedding bells on August 2, 1929.

Clare's oldest brother, Mac, who had been running the farm, had had a tragic accident and died in March of that same year. Clare didn't care for the college teaching and, as you were willing to follow Clare anywhere, you moved "home" and took over the farm here in Mt. Pleasant Township.

Hard times came almost immediately - stock market crash - Great Depression - the death of Clare's father, J. P. White. But somehow you managed to keep the farm going (although the dairy herd was sold) and raise a family of 4 children, Dorothy, Bill, Sam and George.

By 1942, you and Clare were able to get back into dairying; you ran a good herd of Holsteins until Clare retired in 1968, at which time you sold the cows. Three of your children graduated from Penn State and one from Grove City. They have all married and blessed you with 9 grandchildren.

In 1975, "Hughes Hill" was sold to your neighbor, Dick Stewart, The "home place" had been in the family since about 1885, so the decision to sell was a big one. You have been given the privilege of remaining in your home for as long as you choose. You have done some traveling and have migrated the past two winters to Florida.

You have been active in the community, being in the Mt. Pleasant Township Farm Women and Cross Creek Grange. You have been an active member of the Hickory U. P. Church (formerly Mt. Prospect Presbyterian) serving in the Women's Association, singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School. You and Clare were "charter members" of the Fireside Club. Your hobbies include quilting, cooking, gardening (flowers) and "bossing".

We wish you many more years of "running" these organizations and keeping them on their toes.

ALVIN DINSMORE WHITE

and LAURA AMELIA COOPER WHITE

On November 10, 1894, a small shoot appeared on the family tree of William Graham and Elizabeth Lyle White. This shoot was named Alvin Dinsmore which was the second one on this branch, the first one being a sister, Mary Gertrude, now Mrs. Edward Welch. A third shoot appeared later, another sister named Janet, and she is now Mrs. Janet Phillips. Planted originally in Smith Township, then transplanted to Cross Creek Township, this branch has since run rampant into Mt. Pleasant Township, and from there, only the family knows!

"A. D.", after your early schooling in the Smith Township and Cross Creek Township Schools, you entered Muskingum College. After two and one-half years there, you went into the teaching profession, one in which you performed well and long. While teaching, you attended the University of Pittsburg, finally graduating from there in 1924. You served as teacher and later as supervisor in the Cross Creek, Jefferson and Hopewell Township Schools, and later as Elementary Supervisor in the Avella Joint Schools, retiring in 1959 after forty years of service.

Climbing trees seems to be a hobby with you, especially "family trees". You have worked extensively in the area of genealogy, not only for your own Lyle Clan, but for many others as well. You have received requests from many parts of the country for information on old families in this area. You are also one of the leading historians of this area of Washington County. You have compiled and published a number of books, among them being: The Lyles of Washington County, Penna., The History of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, The History of the Cross Creek Graveyard and Cemetery (a re-issue), and the History of the Mount Prospect Graveyard and Cemetery. You have written and had published a number of articles of historic interest in the newspapers of Washington County.

While at Muskingum College, you met a girl by the name of Laura Cooper, a daughter of J. Albert and Annie Swartz Cooper, and from all places, the neighboring town of Hickory. You persuaded her to join you, out on your limb, and you were married on 7 June, 1919. Ten new shoots eventually appeared on your limb, and they were called: A.D., Jr (Jim), Betty, Albert, Mary, Jack, Bob, Marjorie, Peggy, Dick and Willard. The branch has grown some more with 24 shoots of grandchildren, and 4 smaller shoots of great-grandchildren.

Laura, you started out, prepared to teach, and teach you did, for a time in the schools of Mt. Pleasant Township, but more especially in your own private school as a house-wife and a very busy mother. You still found time to be active in the Mt. Pleasant Society of Farm Women, as well as in many church activities. You are still active in the Worthwhile Daughters Sunday School Class, the Women's Association and the Fireside Club, and you and A. D. are charter members of the Fireside Club, as well as long time members of Cross Creek Grange.

You, Laura, were born in Pittsburgh on 13 June 1894, sharing your parents with your sister, Blanche and with two brothers, Marshall and Albert, both now deceased. You attended school in Avalon, and after moving to Hickory you graduated from the Mt. Pleasant Township High School, then attending Muskingum College and graduating in 1915. In 1969, you and A.D. observed the Golden Wedding Anniversary of your marriage, with your whole branch in attendance. You now enjoy traveling and find that the easiest way to keep track of your numerous family, and you find it easier to visit your family than to collect them all in one place for a Family Reunion!

Best Wishes for the future growth of your branch come from

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CLARE MILLER WHITE

Clare Miller White was born on June 15, 1903, the second son of John Parker and Mary Ann Miller White, the family farm where Clare was born, "Hughes Hill", was patented in 1787 by William Hughes, Clare's great-great-grandfather; the farm became Clare's and remained in the family until it was sold to Dick Stewart in 1975 - a span of almost two hundred years.

Clare, with the rest of his family, attended McCarrell School (now the home of John and Mabel Cowden), traveling by foot, horseback, buggy or sled. He graduated from Hickory (Vocational) High School in 1922. Wishing to further his education, he traveled to Ames, Iowa, where he, and his brother Ed, enrolled in Iowa State. Clare majored in Agricultural Engineering; Ed was in the school of Veterinary Medicine.

Following graduation, Clare stayed on at Iowa State, earning his Master's Degree, also in Ag Engineering. He then took a job in the Ag Eng Department at Michigan State. It was while he was there that he met a brown-haired secretary with snappy brown eyes. He convinced her that the climate in western Pennsylvania was much better than the rigorous variety of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and he and Helen Louise Trenary were married in August 1929. (They celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary last year)

Clare and Helen settled down to running the 'home place', with its cows, chickens, horses, - and work. They raised kids, too - four of them. The oldest, Dorothy, went to Penn State, majoring in Home Economics. She is married, living in Warren and is presently teaching; she and Bernie have three daughters. Bill, Clare and Helen's oldest son, also went to Penn State and majored in Agriculture. He and his wife, Louise, have two daughters and live in Cochran.

Sam became the third Penn State graduate, majoring in Electrical Engineering. He and his wife, Margaret (Buchanan), a high school classmate, live in Poland, Ohio with their two sons. George, the youngest of the family, kicked the traces some what, and attended Grove City College. He and his wife, Lois, a Grove City classmate, have two sons; they live in Houston, Pa. where George teaches in the Chartiers-Houston High School.

Since 'retiring' from farming, Clare has enjoyed the leisure life of gardening, mowing the yard - and keeping up on all the neighboring farmers are doing, from his rocking chair on the front porch.

Clare was ordained an Elder in the former Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and served as Clerk of Session for many years; he also served as church treasurer for a number of years. He has been a teacher of the Men's Bible Class for quite a few years. As an Elder, Clare was continuing in a 'family tradition' stretching back to 1825, when his great-great-grandfather, William Hughes, became one of the first Elders in the new Mt. Prospect congregation which he helped organize. His son, James Hughes, was ordained in 1844, and was also the first superintendant of the Sabbath School. Clare's father, "J. P.", was a Ruling Elder; Clare's sons, and son-in-law, are all Elders in their respective congregations.

Clare is, therefore a real 'native' in the community and in the Hickory U. P. Church. He is saluted for this outstanding record of service by

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ELIZABETH ALAZANNA WHITE

Elizabeth Alazanna White, the only daughter of John Parker and Mary Ann Miller White, was born October 24, 1904 at "Hughes Hill", the family farm near Woodrow. "Libby" had two older brothers, Ed and Clare, and two younger brothers, Rowland (Pete) and Jack, so she spent much of her life keeping the "boys" in line. She also had two half-brothers, Mac and Tom, and a half-sister, Mary E. It may sound strange to our modern ways, but Libby's middle name was that of her Father's deceased first wife, Alazanna McCalmont, who was a cousin of his second wife, Mary Ann Miller.

After attending McCarrell School and Hickory (Vocational) High School, Libby went to Wooster College, graduating in 1927. She then taught for two years in Cross Creek High School before taking a job teaching in Homer City, Pa. As this was in the days before "Tenure" for teachers - meaning they had absolutely no job security and could be 'dismissed' for little or no reason at all - Libby found herself, after five years of teaching, out of a job! The reason? It was the Depression, and the School Board had decided they would give their "local economy" a boost by hiring only "natives" - and Libby was a "foreigner".

Ironically, Libby's Father, J. P., died of cancer the day after she returned home and she was needed to help care for her Mother. This she did until her Mother's death five years later. In 1942, after a few years of rattling around, Libby took a position in the Post Office on the campus of Carnegie Institute of Technology. In 1971, she retired from this job - she was now Head Postmistress of the branch, and Carnegie Tech had now become Carnegie Mellon University.

Libby has been a life-long member of the Hickory U. P. Church (and former Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church). She is presently living in a retirement apartment center in Zelienople, Pa. - quite a change after spending almost half of her lifetime living in Pittsburgh.

Good Wishes for her retirement years are extended by

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ELVA WHITE CARTER

You were born at The Pines near Patterson Mills in Cross Creek Township on June 1, 1892. Your parents were William H. and Emma McClain White, and while you were very young, your family moved to the home which you at present occupy. You and your three sisters and one brother trudged up the hill to the Bushy Rock School for your elementary schooling. In the years of your "teens", you did housework and, for a time, you clerked in the McGugin General Store at Woodrow, an institution of "cracker-barrel wisdom". Neighboring farmers brought their milk to the Woodrow Station to be shipped on the railroad to the Pittsburgh market, and they always stopped to visit at the Post Office and Store.

One of the evening customers at the Woodrow Store became your beau, and this young man was Everett Carter to whom you became engaged, and whom you married on November 24, 1915, so next Month, you will observe the 58th anniversary of your marriage. A son, Eugene, and a daughter, Ethel were born into your home.

It so happens that Everett is some years younger than you. He was born in the Primrose area, a son of William Vance and Sadie Williamson Carter, and his Mother died when he was very young. The Carter Family subsequently moved to the farm in Cross Creek Township, now the home of the Stritzinger Family, and it was from that farm that Everett traveled to Woodrow, where he met that attractive girl, Elva White, who soon became his wife. In the early years of your marriage, you farmed on rented farms, moving from one to another every year or two. During your married life, you have moved seventeen or eighteen times.

In 1942, you moved to Elva's old home where you re-built and re-modeled the house and where you have lived ever since. Everett's work in recent years has been at the McDonald Ice Plant, on the State Highway crews and later at the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Elva joined the fellowship of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church on November 3, 1911, so, as members of the present Hickory United Presbyterian Church, you are among our oldest members in respect to total years of membership. In your years away from the old family home, you and your family attended church at West Middletown, Avella, Robinson Run and Cross Creek. So, now in your retirement years, it is a pleasure to salute you as a member of the old Church and it is the hope of your friends in the Church that these years may be good ones for you. And this is the hope, too, of the members of

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DAVID HOLTZ "CHRIS" WILLIAMS

We can only wonder, Chris, if you came into the world "talking"! We do know, however, that you arrived on May 9, 1914 at the home of Clyde "Eck" and Mae White Williams on the outskirts of West Middletown, one of four children: you, a brother, "Sam" (now deceased) and twin sisters, Mary Jane and Martha.

The home into which your family later moved had been one of several homes in West Middletown used as "stations" on the Underground Railroad. It had a big "secret" room in the cellar with no windows and a "hidden" door. What a time you must have had playing "Hide and Seek"!

During your early years you attended the West Middletown "Boro" School, even though you might have preferred the one at Possum Hollow! Your school had two rooms, one for grades 1-4 and the other for grades 5-8. You had to repeat Third Grade...because the teacher was sick! Instead of hiring a substitute teacher, the Board just shut down the class!

High school was not required...but it was an option which was provided for those who really wanted to go...and who could and would provide their own transportation. Your "dreams" included playing football and being a lawyer, so... you went to Avella H.S., walking every day from West Middletown to Avella Heights through all kinds of weather. During football season, you had to walk home after practice...again in all kinds of weather, and many times in the dark.

Your dream of being a lawyer didn't materialize, but there came, perhaps, a different "dream"...by the name of Thelma Scouart, a member of your 1933 graduating class. You were married on November 28, 1935 (so will soon be celebrating your 55th anniversary). You and Thelma have two children, Deanna Joy, wife of Phil Froebe, and David H., Jr. You also have 4 grandchildren.

Your leadership abilities soon traveled from quarterbacking the high school football team to community affairs. Soon after your marriage you joined the Avella Fire Department and served as Treasurer and Assistant Chief. You were a Supervisor in Independence Township and served as a Justice of the Peace in Avella.

In 1948, you moved your family to the small farm on which you still live, almost "in" Hickory. Your need to "be involved and organizing" didn't take long to get stirred into action. Within two years, in 1950, you helped get the Mount Pleasant Township Fire Department organized, and a fund drive for equipment well under way.

Chris, your "story" wouldn't be complete without mention of Golden Rocket! Somehow, when we think of one we just automatically think of the other! You purchased Rocket as a yearling in 1948, and he went on to be one of the "winningest" Palamino stallions in the Tri-State Area. It was partly because of him that our present Fierhall was built and our Fire Department got some needed equipment. On Labor Day, 1950, the first of 17 annual horse shows was held at the show ring which you had built on your farm. This first show netted some \$2,500 which was used as a down payment on the first fire truck, which cost a "then-whopping" \$10,500. Golden Rocket lived to the ripe old horse age of 32 years, and is buried there on your farm.

In addition to your leadership in the Fire Department, you were the main instigator for the forming of the Hickory Lions Club in 1955, serving as its first President. You, yourself, had been a Lion since 1946.

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You have served as a Justice of the Peace, a Township Supervisor, and a Notary here in Mt. Pleasant Township. You have been an Assessor, Chairman of the Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, and Republican Chairman for Mt. Pleasant Township. Other "beneficiaries" of your outstanding leadership qualities have included the Washington County Supervisors Association, the Washington County Squires and Constables Association, the Humane Society of Western Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association which you helped organize in 1945, and the Shrine Horse Patrol of Pittsburgh, serving as Captain. You are also qualified by the American Horse Show Association as a senior judge in eight divisions.

You and Thelma have been faithful members of the Hickory U.P. Church since you joined the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church in 1948.

The Fireside Club can only say...Thanks, and more thanks, Chris, for all the service and leadership you have given to this community over the years.

MICHAEL WUSSICK

Michael Wussick was born on March 2, 1904 in McKeesport, Pa., the oldest son of Nicklas and Mary Wussick. At the age of one and a half, Mike made the trip to Austria, by boat, with his parents who wanted to return to their native homeland. The trip ended in only a few months, however, as rumors of the First World War were already flying around. Another long boat ride for the young family; this time they settled in Carnegie, Pa.

Mike attended a Russian school in Carnegie, then later a country school nearby, where he went through the 6th grade. At the age of fourteen, he got a job driving a 'pop' truck. He later worked for 7-Brothers Bakery and at the McKeesport Hospital as a painter. His next job was at Vimco Macaroni Co. in Carnegie as a mixer. At this time, his family moved "out to the country" to the farm where Mike now lives. The year was 1930.

On July 29, 1945, Mike married Sophia Warko of Burgettstown. They have two children, Mary Ann and Michael (young Mike). Mary Ann is married and has two children. Young Mike is at home with his mother and father, running the farm which his father farmed for several years. When many people start thinking of retiring, Mike started a new job as custodian in the Hickory Elementary School. This job he continued until 1974, when he had to retire because he was 70.

Mike was one of eight children - four girls and four boys. His sisters were Anne, Stella, Rose and Kathrine - his brothers, Nick, John and Peter. He is a member of the St. Peter and Paul's Orthodox Church in Carnegie.

Although not a member of the Hickory U. P. Church, Mike has lived among us for fifty years, helping whoever needs help - a good neighbor.

Many thanks to Mike from the

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