

14 Known Dead In Chartiers And Dry Tavern Areas Of Greene; Four In This County

June 23, 1944

The most devastating tornado or cyclone in the history of Washington and Greene Counties, swept a twisting path through two sections early last night, leaving in its wake a known death toll of 18 in the two counties and unestimated property damage.

Four persons were killed in Washington County and the others in the Dry Tavern, Castile and Clarksville Hill communities of Greene County.

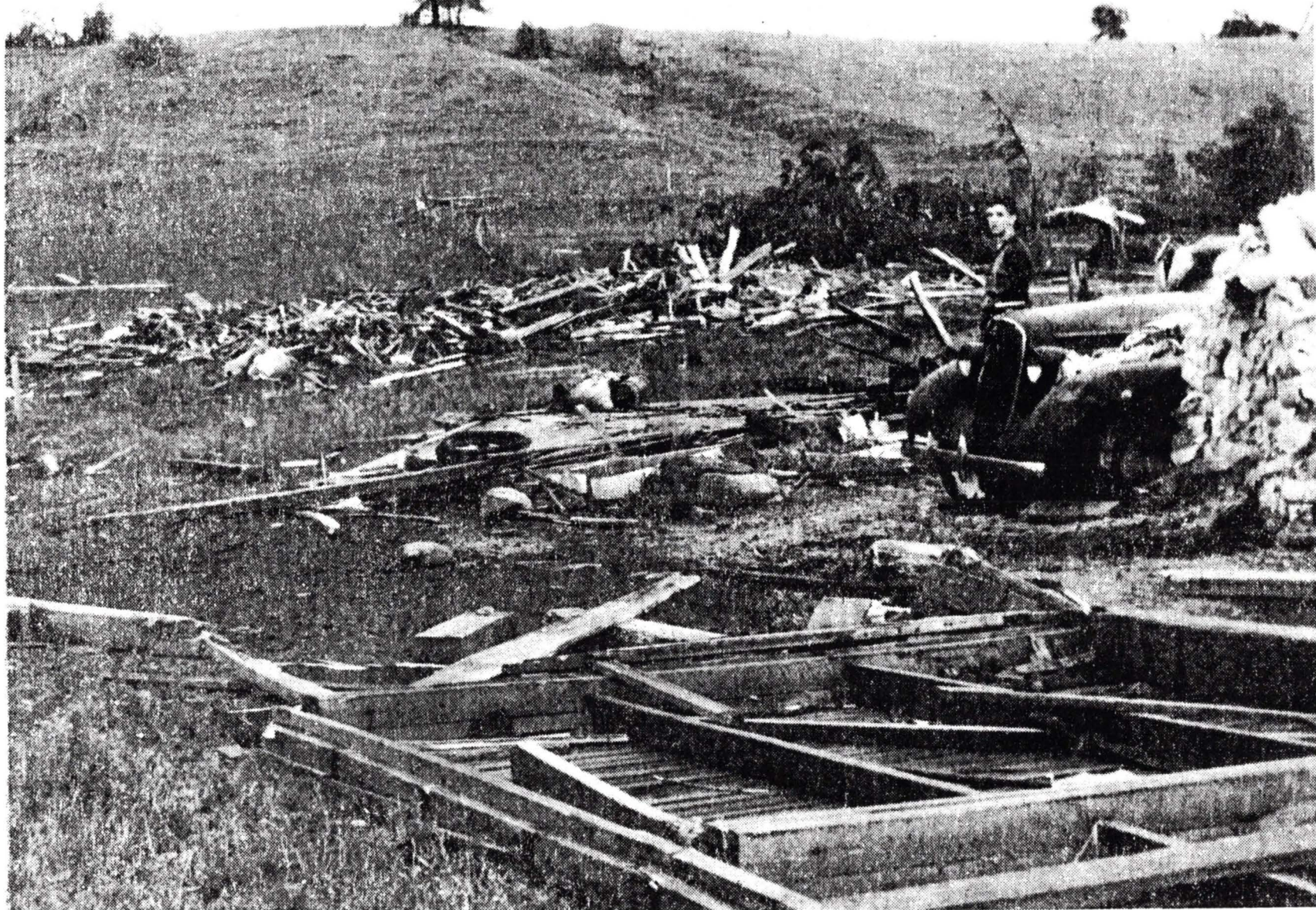
Many communities in the two counties were virtually isolated as communication lines were wiped out by the terrific wind.

Hitting at nightfall, the storm swept areas as far east as Indiana County, 70 miles away, and as far south as Shinnston, W. Va., 100 miles distant.

The government weather bureau reported the winds reached gale intensity for a period of 15 minutes, or more. The wind velocity was generally 41 miles an hour but for a minute or so, it was reported, a velocity of nearly 50 miles an hour was recorded.

Remember when ...

June 15, 1980



A tornado struck western Washington County and southeastern Greene County? The twister hit at dusk on June 23, 1944, killing 23 and injuring scores of others. One of the hardest hit areas was Camp Buffalo, where 70 boys were having dinner in the mess hall. Miraculously, none of the boys was injured. Wilbur

S. Baird, then general secretary of the YMCA, gave the order for the youths to evacuate the building and fall to the ground. His quick thinking probably saved many lives. Here, an unidentified youth surveys the wreckage of the mess hall.

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In Washington County, the violent storm, described by many residents as a funnel-shaped twister," struck hardest in the western section.

Known dead in Washington County were:

WILLIAM SHOOK, 50, of Donegal Township.

MABEL SHOOK, 13, his daughter.

MONTA MOORE, 60, of Independence Township.

A. HEMSLEY KENNAN, 53, of Independence Township.

The known dead in Greene County follow:

MRS. ANNA YACISK, 65, Mather.

PAUL BUCKSON, 10, Mather.

DOLORES DIAMOND, 10, Rices Landing.

MRS. STEVE BARNISH, 50, and daughter and son, Chartiers.

GEORGE DECLAIR, Chartiers.

ANN KNEPP, Chartiers.

MRS. ROBERT BERTRAM, 40, Chartiers.

FRANK BUGOVICH, grandson, Mrs. Bertram, Chartiers.

JOHN A. ROHRER, 13, Castile.

MRS. PAUL CRAIG, 37, Castile.

FAYE CRAIG, 15, daughter, Castile.

One victim was unidentified.

Scores Are Reported Injured

Scores of persons were reported injured in the two counties and many were rushed to Washington, Waynesburg and Brownsville Hospitals for treatment.

The Greene County Memorial Hospital at Waynesburg was taxed to capacity and an emergency hospital was opened at the Waynesburg Armory.

At least 14 persons perished in Greene County, three at Castile, four at Dry Tavern, and at least seven at Chartiers Hill. One is missing at Dry Tavern.

At Chartiers Hill the wind struck the modern mining settlement of the Chartiers Mine of the Emerald Coal & Coke Company, demolishing approximately 200 houses and burying scores in the ruins. Early this morning searchers were still pulling wreckage apart hunting for more bodies.

Widow Of Mine Victim Killed By Storm

A partial list of dead at Chartiers Hill included the name of Mrs. Steve Barnish, 50, whose husband only about two weeks ago perished in the fire which closed the Chartiers Mine and was entombed there when the blazing workings were sealed; also a daughter and son.

Others are George De Clair, Ann Knepp, Mrs. Robert Bertram, 40, and her grandson, Frank Bugovich.

Groups Leave Here To Lend Assistance

Five physicians, 18 nurses and 11 members of the First Company, Pennsylvania Girls Defense Corps, went to assist at Waynesburg. Other members of the Defense Corps were on duty at the Washington Armory, subject to call.

The Greene County Defense Council asked the State organization to send nurses and medical supplies to Waynesburg and the State Council promptly relayed the appeal to councils in nearby areas.

Reports late last night from Wellsburg, W. Va., said one person was killed there, 20 houses were unroofed and at least a score or more others were badly damaged.

Y Camp At Buffalo Is Wiped Out

The Washington Y.M.C.A.'s "Camp Buffalo," below Taylorstown, was reported as "wiped out." Nearly 70 young campers from the Washington Presbytery, in camp for their second annual vacation, escaped with only eight suffering injuries serious enough to require hospital treatment.

Shook and his daughter, Mabel, were killed outright when caught in the collapse of a large barn on their farm, the former Samuel Sheller farm, Donegal Township, Claysville, R. D. 2.

Shook's wife, Edna, 46, who was also in the barn at the time, suffered head injuries and lacerations of the legs. She was reported to have been blown over a hill and crawled on her hands and knees back to the barn, where she collapsed.

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House Of 12 Rooms Is Wrecked

A daughter, Mrs. Ethel Blair, suffered cuts on the face and left cheek and two sons, Delmer, 9, and Paul, 4, escaped with injuries not believed to be serious. They were in the Shook home at the time the tornado struck, it was reported.

The house, a 12-room frame building, was wrecked badly.

Two horses in the barn were killed and one was reported to have been found in the basement of the house. Other livestock was also reported killed.

Miss Moore was also killed instantly when her home on the William S. Moore farm, Independence Township, was leveled, together with the barn and all out buildings.

A sister, Miss Artie Moore, 63, suffered a fractured arm and a possible fractured skull and was removed to Washington Hospital.

Henry Cunningham, also caught in the wreckage, was cut about the face and back, and his brother, Robert Cunningham, sugered lacerations of the face.

Linden Andrews, of Independence, heard of the mishap and rushed to the scene, rendered first aid and removed the injured to the hospital.

Keenan was killed when struck by flying debris on his farm in Independence Township, near Mt. Hope. Not a single building was left upright on the property, it was reported.

Keenan, it was said, shouted to his wife to lie down when the twister approached. He did likewise, but seconds later was felled by debris, picked up by the violent wind.

The house, barn, springhouse and other buildings on the Keenan farm were reported completely destroyed.

Daylight To Disclose Scope Of Devastation

Daylight was expected to disclose a picture of devastation throughout western Washington County and southeastern Greene County, sections apparently directly in the path of the storm.

In Independence Township, the violent storm, described by some eye-witnesses as a "funnel-shaped twister," first struck the William S. Lowry farm, one mile southwest of Independence. The residence, through which the West Virginia State line runs, was blown in at one end and damage was reported as considerable. None of the occupants was injured. The barn was also razed.

The twister swept over a hill, missing the Bellview camp meeting grounds, and then hit with tragic results at the William S. Moore farm.

Woman Is Seriously Injured

On the adjoining Friend Lannum farm, the house was blown down, left in a shambles, it was reported, and Mrs. Lannum, seriously injured, was removed to Washington Hospital, where attaches reported it was doubtful she would survive the night.

Striking through the Mt. Hope district, the barn of Ewing S. Wilson was leveled, showering cattle and horses with debris. Five cows and a horse were killed. Mr. Wilson, who was in the barn milking at the time, escaped uninjured, it was reported. The Wilson residence was also badly damaged.

A large barn on the adjoining farm of Raymond Kimble was blown down, it was reported. At least five head of cattle were destroyed. Others were seriously injured.

The home of William Burns, of near Independence, was reported to have been picked up by the violent wind and carried out in the middle of the road.

A barn on the John Adams farm, a mile southeast of Independence, was blown down and other small buildings were reported badly wrecked.

Later, it was reported only the fact that electric power was off at the time prevented the large barns on the Kimble and Wilson farms from catching fire.

Cutting a half-mile swath through Buffalo Township, the storm shattered windows in the home of Wright Carson and several buildings on the farm were toppled.

The roof was ripped off the house, of Ralph White and all furniture on the second floor was ruined.

A path estimated nearly 1,000 feet wide was cut through timberland on the former Clara Lockhart farm.

Tree limbs were tossed about like match sticks on the Ed Kerns' farm, where the barn was knocked from its foundation, the roof on the house was wrecked and a tree shattered one end of the house.

The roof was ripped off the barn and the rafters splintered on the Edward McClelland farm.

A large barn on the Stanley Main farm was considerably damaged, the foundation being cracked, it was reported.

At the S. B. Post farm, atop Tunnel Hill, the front porch on the farm house was ripped off and considerable roofing was blown away. Roofing on a barn was also torn off and carried several hundred yards.

Roofing on a brick house of Harry Hodgens was blown off. Reports of similar destruction to farms in various other areas of Independence and Buffalo Townships were widespread.

In Brooke County, just over the West Virginia line, all farm buildings and all the trees in the yard on the property of Joseph Gist were leveled, but the residence was not damaged.

On the J. F. Gist farm, adjoining, all buildings were blown down and the roof on the house was ripped off.

All buildings, except the residence, were razed on the farm of Orlanda Adams, also in Brooke County, and Mrs. Hattie Adams, aged 80, was reported to have been painfully injured.

Reports of considerable damage in other sections were made.

A telephone operator at Amity reported a barn on the O. H. Blaker farm, south of Amity, was razed. Loss of livestock was not learned.

One end of the John Riley home on the Greene County Ridge was blown in and the home of Arley Yeager, nearby, was reported badly damaged.

A trailer home at the Fairview Filling Station, also near the Greene County line was blown over a hill. No one was in the trailer at the time.

Trees were felled in other nearby areas, it was reported.

Homes Of 25 Families Are Destroyed

Homes of 25 families were destroyed at Chartiers as follows: Steve Barnish, George DeClair, Charles Hart, Jr., Robert Berkman, Dean Minor, Carl Bates, Domenick Santuci, Clyde Parson, George Rocks, J. S. McNurlen, Jacob Tutmaker, James Vargo, James Korkonich, Nicholas family, Mike Krizlinsky, Clyde Hart, Joseph Charlovich, Charles Hart, Sr., Steve Harrison, Steve Robinson, Walter Chishon, Pete Staviski, Arthur Rankin, Charles Phillips Grant Rankin.

Three Killed And One Missing At Dry Tavern

The storm swept a swath through Dry Tavern, where three persons were killed, at least four houses and a dance hall were destroyed, and several houses were damaged. One woman is missing.

Mrs. Anna Yacisk, about 65, and a 10-year-old son of Paul Vukson, of Mather, were killed while visiting at the home of Mike Vukson, Dry Tavern. Mrs. Lizzie Vukson, wife of Mike Vukson, is missing. Dolores Diamond, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Diamond, of Rices Landing, was also visiting

in the Armory emergency hospital, but not seriously hurt. Two sons are in the Navy, Eugene in Italy and Howard, in Washington, D. C. Another daughter Ruth, is working away from home.

Other damage in the Castile section included the following buildings demolished: Bill Stewart house and farm buildings; Margaret Keys house; Frank Weaver house and barn and the house and barn on another farm owned by Mr. Weaver.

Iva Lee Baily, daughter of Ivan Baily, was injured at Castile.

in Dry Tavern when she was killed by the collapse of a house.

Two houses at Dry Tavern are still unsearched. Here the home of Alex Mattucci, built partly of concrete, and a dance hall owned by Mattucci were blown flat.

High tension wires were down at Dry Tavern, impeding all search.

At Castile three persons were killed and several others injured in the collapse of houses. The Mt.

Zion Baptist Church, a brick structure, was blown down, together with all houses near it.

The Hudson Rohrer home, near the church, and all the farm buildings were blown down, and John Rohrer, 13, was killed.

Two miles east of the church the twister struck the home of Paul Craig, blowing it over a hill and demolishing it. Mrs. Craig was blown over the hill with the house, and was found lying dead against a walnut tree in a hollow. A daughter, Faye, 15, was found dead in the rose bushes in the yard. Paul Craig, who was injured, said he was blown out of the house with the chimney. His father, M. M. Craig, was also injured. Both are

Spectators Urged To Not To Visit 'Y' Camp

People wishing to visit the site of the Y. M. C. A. camp in Blaine Township are urged not to do so by officials of the Association, as much work has to be done and it is important that the blown away possessions of the campers be found and returned as soon as possible.

In addition it is impossible to drive to the site and a long hard walk awaits anyone trying to get to the spot where the twister of Friday night caused such damage.

More than 900 persons visited the site Sunday.

It was also announced that campers desiring to reclaim their possessions may do so by calling at the Y. M. C. A., where the articles which have been found, are held.

60 Known Dead In Two States

PITTSBURGH, June 23.—(AP)—More than 60 persons were reported killed tonight by a terrific windstorm of Tornadoic force that twisted through Southwestern Pennsylvania and North-Central West Virginia.

Hundreds were made homeless as many dwellings were demolished. Hospitals were overcrowded with the injured. Uprooted trees blocked some highways, and power and communication facilities were impaired.

Striking at nightfall, the storm lasted about 15 minutes as it skirted Pittsburgh, hitting suburban communities to the south and east and sweeping down into West Virginia. Areas within 100 miles south of Pittsburgh were affected.

The heaviest toll was reported at Shinnston, W. Va., and nearby communities, where at least 27 were known dead and ambulance drivers reported "the worst is yet to come." as they brought in the casualties.

The twister which centered about the Monongahela Valley caused extensive property damage. More than 100 houses were leveled in the McKeesport, Pa., area alone and power lines were down in the wake of the storm everywhere.

Nineteen were reported dead in Pennsylvania and 23 in West Virginia.

Seven persons were dead in the vicinity of McKeesport, Pa., a city of 60,000 just outside of Pittsburgh. Superintendent William Hackner of McKeesport Hospital said, "Dozens" were in the hospital with serious injuries, and "hundreds" were treated and discharged, he added.

In a telephone appeal for medical aid, Lazer McGee a state mine inspector, declared a "tornado" smashed through one section of the city collapsing houses "as if they were cardboard." Four persons were known dead there.

The storm unroofed an estimated 20 houses in Wellsburg, W. Va., damaged more than a score more, and caused one death.

Timely Action Saves Youngsters At Camp

Only the ability of Wilbur S. Baird, general secretary of the YMCA, to think fast prevented a major disaster at Camp Buffalo, where 60 campers, representing the Washington Presbyterian Society, were enjoying a two-weeks outing.

The campers were gathered in the large mess hall, known as Bison Lodge, when the tornado hit. An immediate order was given by Mr. Baird to evacuate the building and to fall to the ground. Most of the young people crawled

to the hillside to escape being hit by flying debris.

Eight of the campers suffered minor injuries and were rushed to the Washington Hospital for treatment. They were:

Louise Murphy, 13, Laboratory, scalp wounds.

George Bookman, 13, Wolfdale road, laceration of left arm.

Martha Spragg, 13, West Alexander, laceration of wrist.

Harry Milligan, 14, Eighty-Four,

R. D. 1, laceration of left leg.

Barbara Dunn, 14, Laboratory, brush burns.

Marlyn Wissinger, 13, Bethel Township, shock.

Dorothy White, 13, Hickory, shock.

Sally Dunn, 13, Allison avenue, Washington, shock.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Ludwig of the Second Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. John Teyssier of the Laboratory Presbyterian Church, and Edward H. Johe, Washington, were serving as supervisors at the camp.

E. F. Westlake, one of the YMCA directors who made a hurried trip to camp upon hearing of the trouble, reported early this morning that all eight cottages were blown to the ground and that Bison Lodge and the Lodge Cabin were unroofed.

Two buses were called from Washington and brought the other members of the camping party to the YMCA where they were then sent home.

Both covered bridges leading up to Camp Buffalo were unroofed but otherwise withstood the wind. Any number of trees were blown over but residents of the area hurriedly cleared them from the road to enable cars to get through.

As news of the minor disaster spread throughout the county, many parents and friends of the campers rushed to Camp Buffalo to lend their assistance. The Motor Corps of the Civilian Defense unit was also on hand and rendered valuable assistance in removing some of the injured to the hospital.

24 Are Treated At Brownsville

Twenty-four persons injured in the disaster at the Chartiers mine settlement near Clarksville were taken to the Brownsville General Hospital.

Two, Harry Hillan, of Chartiers, and Maizie Hardy, Clarksville, R. D. 1, were reported in a serious condition. The right arm of Hardy was amputated.

Others at Brownsville Hospital are: Barbara N. Clark, West Brownsville, who was visiting at Chartiers, injury to right leg.

James Vargo, Chartiers, 29, injuries to body.

Mrs. Mary Lamb, 42, wife of superintendent at mine, injuries to head and left arm.

Mildred Krkvick, 25, injuries to face and left arm.

Lucey Declair, 9, laceration of knee.

Margaret Rankin, 13, injuries to both legs.

Josephine Phalovich, 44, injuries to left elbow.

Mrs. Mary Krensky, 44, injuries to left hand and head.

Stephen Harrison, back injury and laceration of left hand and head.

Katherine Declair, 17, fracture of right shoulder.

Sophia Tutmahr, 32, injury to back and right leg.

Erma Jean Harding, 15, shock.

Robert Krancy, 14, head injury.

Joseph Declair, 7, injury to left leg.

Mary Tutnahr, injury to left leg.

Ruth Rankin, 22, laceration of head and right leg.

Julia Bailey, laceration of left eye and injury to right arm.

Katherine Kosvinski, back injury and right eye.

John Lucas, 15, laceration of scalp and chest injury.

These three were treated and dismissed:

George Rankin, 31, treated for abrasions and brush burns.

Paul Matula, Marianna.

Anna Chalovich, 29, treated for abrasions and brush burns.

Tornado Looting Suspects Held

A McKeesport youth and a Greenock man suspected of looting the tornado-damaged house of Mrs. Anna Ahler, Greenock Road, Greenock, were taken into custody yesterday, county detectives reported.

Blood Plasma Aids Victims

BULLETIN

At 2 o'clock this morning a plane reached Waynesburg from Columbus, bearing 100 units of plasma. The landing field was illuminated by the headlights of automobiles, hastily summoned for the purpose.

WAYNESBURG, June 23.—Blood plasma was being flown to Waynesburg from other points tonight to help in the care of persons injured in the cyclone which struck Castile, Dry Tavern and Chartiers Hill.

One hundred units were being flown from Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Brownsville and Washington rushed plasma here by automobile.

Doctors and nurses were rushed here from other points in this section, including Morgantown, Uniontown, Brownsville, Washington and possibly other communities.

The following nurses and doctors came from Washington:

Nurses — Mrs. Marshall, Miss Ware, Miss Marshall, Miss Messenger, Mrs. Verner, Miss Brumage.

Physicians—Hannon, Riggle, Dunbar, Brehl, Peisley.

The Red Cross and Civilian Defense organizations also did their best to aid, and 'there was no dearth of help.

The Red Cross set up canteens at the most advantageous points, and by midnight had their work well organized.

Ambulance corps from the district were on hand to help, and fire companies responded to the call for aid.

Aviation Cadets at Waynesburg College were ordered to the scene, and gave much aid.

Red Cross Aid Rushed Here

The Red Cross has assumed the task of providing shelter for homeless in tornado-swept areas in the Pittsburgh district, setting up headquarters in the McKeesport Chamber of Commerce offices for emergency cases in that city.

Residents of other districts needing help should contact the Red Cross offices in the Community Fund Building.

For permanently replacing destroyed buildings and homes, the owners must file applications through regular channels, where special consideration will be given to emergency cases, a War Production Board official said.

Homes Blown Away, Bodies Sought in Ruins

Two Pages of Tornado Pictures—Page 11 and Page 1, Section 2.

Lists of dead and injured, Page 10.

Other tornado stories on Pages 9 and 10.

Sleepless searchers hunted for more bodies last night in the twisted ruins left by several freak tornadoes which ripped a path of destruction from Pittsburgh into West Virginia and Maryland, killing 142 persons and injuring at least 1,019.

The casualty toll was expected to mount hourly in the wake of the "twisters" which left thousands homeless, wiped out whole families, swamped hospitals and caused an estimated "millions of dollars" in property losses.

Thirty-eight dead were counted in Western Pennsylvania, but the heaviest death toll was reported in West Virginia, where 101 lost their lives. Allegheny County reported 16 deaths, all of them in the McKeesport district.

Three dead and 35 injured were reported in Western Maryland's Garrett County.

Additional scores were reported missing and many of the dead were unidentified. Smashed communications and blocked roads prevented outlying communities from reporting casualty figures for hours after the disaster.

Whole Towns in Ruins

Hundreds of homes and buildings were razed and in some cases whole communities—most of them Western Pennsylvania mining towns and villages—were left in ruins. Wreckage littered streets and highways.

Weatherman W. S. Brotzman insisted not one but several tornadoes were to blame for the devastation.

Brotzman pointed out it would have been impossible for one storm to have traveled the route originally traced for the tornado.

Some houses were lifted high in the air, sheared completely from their foundations. In some cases, foundations were ripped from under the houses, dropping families and furniture into the basement.

Barns, silos and stables were smashed into kindling wood by the terrific winds which ripped and tore a path 160 miles long to Randolph County, West Virginia, and devastated areas as far as Indiana, Pa., 70 miles away.

Hospital bed capacities and staffs were unable to cope with the scores of injured. Emergency hospitals were set up in churches and, in the case of Waynesburg, in a State Armory where surgeons and nurses worked with flashlights.

Red Cross disaster units were dispatched to the stricken areas from Pittsburgh, neighboring West Virginia cities and Washington, D. C. The units were equipped with food, blankets, medical supplies and much-needed blood plasma.

Worst Gales in History Here

Civilian defense workers, Army medical units and military police worked side by side with police, firemen and relief agencies. Hundreds of soldiers, even Air Corps units from the County Airport, patrolled stricken areas

The hardest hit Pennsylvania communities outside of the McKeesport district were the mining towns of Chartiers and Clarksville, Greene County. Virtually every house in Chartiers was leveled and eight dead were reported there.

Records of the Pittsburgh office, United States Weather Bureau, indicated Friday night's tornadoes were the worst wind storms ever experienced in the district. In terms of casualties, it was one of Pittsburgh's worst disasters.

Fifty-eight dead were counted at Shinnston, W. Va., the hardest hit of the West Virginia communities. The small mining town also reported 400 injured. State police and units of the state guard patrolled its streets.

West Virginia hospitals reported treating 200 other patients.

SURGERY BY FLASHLIGHT

Even amputations were performed only by the light of flashlights in Waynesburg's hastily-improvised hospital at the State Armory. State policemen rushed doctor and nurses to Waynesburg from little-damaged Greensburg.

In Greene County Memorial Hospital, Waynesburg, as in most other hospitals in the stricken areas, only patients seriously injured were allowed to remain in the institutions after receiving emergency treatment.

After preliminary first aid, they were rushed to emergency hospitals, such as the one in the State Armory. The transfers from McKeesport Hospital to Homestead Hospital were made on coal trucks, padded with mattresses.

Storm damage at McKeesport was estimated at upwards of a million dollars by Fire Chief Paul G. McAtee. He estimated 500 properties had been damaged or destroyed.

Damage in both Fayette County

and at Hays, Pittsburgh's Thirty-first Ward, was estimated at several thousand dollars.

HOSPITAL JAMMED

The storm's victims filled McKeesport Hospital's rooms, wards, corridors and offices. Some victims were lying on the floors. Others, more fortunate, were given mattresses while still others were forced to sit in chairs.

Many walking injured were treated at the hospital and left before records could be made of their cases. The hospital estimated it treated more than 200 casualties. Almost every one of its patients had head or face bandages.

Nurses said they never had seen anything like the scene in the hospital. Beds in the wards were wedged so tightly together there was no space to walk between them. Cots were commandeered and rushed to the hospital, but were soon filled.

MANY CHILD VICTIMS

The hospital didn't have time to segregate men and women. They were placed side by side in the wards and hallways. The children's ward was jammed with whimpering, moaning children of all ages, some of them orphaned.

Boy Scouts and Civilian Defense personnel aided volunteers in rushing the victims to the hospital. Civilian Defense workers also aided police in searching the city Tenth Ward wreckage for the bodies of more victims.

WCAE TOWER FALLS

In the McKeesport district, parts of houses were blown more than 300 feet. In Port Vue, walls were ripped from houses, exposing the interiors. Telephone service in the district was interrupted for hours by fallen wires.

One gale toppled the WCAE radio antenna towers in Agnes Road, Baldwin Township, forcing the station to go off the air for several hours. The station resumed broadcasting today and repair work was started.

A big compressor station of the Hope Natural Gas Company at Boothsville, W. Va., was lifted and "literally thrown against the next hill," one witness said.

The storm, which followed by a few hours a flash flood at nearby Salem, W. Va., is of a type almost unknown in mountainous West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Its path of destruction was seldom over a quarter-mile wide but

as it passed it turned homes and buildings into kindling.

A large percentage of the dead and injured were children, who had gone to bed for the night and were trapped in their rooms.

CALLS FOR PLASMA

Many bodies were mangled by falling timbers or other debris and a large number of the injured suffered hurts that made it necessary to call for unusual supplies of plasma.

At Shinnston the worst damage was done in the Pleasant Hill section, a suburb near State Police headquarters. The top of the police radio tower was torn off. Houses in Pleasant Hill were crushed by the dozen, with an estimated 35 destroyed.

Among the dead at nearby Saltwell, W. Va., was Mrs. Edgar Righter, wife of 77-year-old "Uncle Ed" Righter, for many years dean of the West Virginia State House of Delegates.

Road Commission crews worked all night clearing secondary roads into the hamlets in the path of the wind.

Horror and tragedy today followed in the wake of the terrific windsorm that swept through Chartiers, tiny mining community 15 miles southeast of Waynesburg.

At least 11 persons were killed as the twister crumpled 53 houses like matchwood, scattered portions of the houses and even brick foundations over the countryside, and tossed automobiles about as though they were toys.

Four persons were missing. More than 100 were hospitalized.

The body of a woman was found in a tree.

SCENE OF DESOLATION

The scene this morning was one of awful desolation. Fragments of houses were scattered for hundreds of yards and not one stick remained upright.

Residents of smashed homes, their eyes still reflecting the shock of the terrific storm, poked about in the ruins, seeking bodies of those missing or attempting to salvage valuables.

Mrs. Della Mainer told how her 19-month-old granddaughter was blown 100 yards and hurled against a tree. She is in Waynesburg Hospital in a serious condition.

Carl Bates told of seeing the brick foundation blown from under his home. He rescued his wife and daughter, threw them behind a coal pile, lay on them and held to a bar until the storm blew over.

In the State Armory here the injured were laid on cots side by side, and in Waynesburg Hospital many were on beds in the corridors.

All Waynesburg physicians and nurses and many from Greensburg and Washington labored through the night and continued today, attending the injured and administering blood plasma.

There were 43 injured in the Armory here, 37 in the hospital and 21 in Brownsville Hospital, all from Chartiers Hill.

POWER CUT OFF

Clarksburg, cut off from its normal power supply by the

breaking of a main line, had only electricity for emergency purposes today and most business houses were closed. Elkins also suffered from a power shortage.

Telephone lines into many areas were still out and it would be hours before repairs could be made. Long delays were posted on all communications.

Meadowville, a little town in the southern part of Barbour County, was described as "wiped off the map," and Montrose in Randolph County was pictured as "not much better."

Hospitals in the cities were scenes of great confusion, although aid was given to the injured as rapidly as possible.

MANY STILL MISSING

Meager reports from Thomas, to the east in Tucker County, indicated widespread damage there. The Army sent a relief truck to that section.

Almost too thunderstruck to realize what had happened, hundreds of homeless men, women and children waited around in stricken communities until the dead, the dying and the injured could be cared for.

At Elkins an observer said: "The Army did a marvelous job. The soldiers turned loose everything available to be of help."

With communications disrupted, reports of discovery of more bodies in the devastated areas were delayed, but state troopers and Red Cross workers alike were convinced that many had not been found. The Red Cross said at Shinnston around 100 persons were still unaccounted for.

BOY SCOUTS VICTIMS

Fifty injured were reported at the Waynesburg Hospital, five of them members of a Washington Boy Scout troop who were camped near Amity when the tornado ripped up their tents and scattered equipment.

Corridors of both Clarksburg, W. Va., hospitals were filled and patients overflowed into churches, hastily opened when the hospitals were unable to contain the casualties. Many victims were sent to Fairmont, 25 miles north.

There were 167 patients in hospitals at Fairmont, Clarksburg, Mannington, Philippi, Elkins and Grafton. The Shinnston Methodist Church was set up as an emergency aid station, the Associated Press reported.

HOSPITAL IN SCHOOL

Between 50 and 60 persons were reported treated at the Brownsville (Pa.) Hospital. Thirteen persons were injured at Liberty Borough, near McKeesport, and an emergency hospital was set up in the Liberty Borough School.

Sixty-five houses in the Greenock district and 55 in Boston were leveled, according to McAtee. Ten homes were reported destroyed in the Liberty Borough district.

Striking just at nightfall, leveling houses by the hundreds and hurling trees and debris across highways, the most devastating wind in the state's history trapped families in their homes and hindered rescue attempts.

At Clarksburg and Waynesburg, where hospitals were jammed, doctors and nurses worked with emergency lights when power lines failed. Rescue crews found the injured at Shinnston by listening for their screams and cries.

HOUSES FLATTENED

From Shinnston, Clyde Jenkins, a representative of the Charleston Daily Mail, reported:

"The houses in the suburbs were flattened to kindling. I saw a brick house whose second story had been sheared away. Men were digging in the ruins.

"The Methodist Church was opened and several injured, most of them children, were taken there for treatment. All of the staff of a drug store was engaged in handing out medical supplies."

Mrs. Eva Tetrick, of Enterprise, three miles north of Shinnston, said fires, apparently from blazing homes, could be seen from her place. She said the hailstones which struck Enterprise

sounded like apples falling on the roof.

HUGE HAIL STONES

Rain and hail accompanied the tornado in many places. Some West Virginia motorists described the hail stones "as large as hen eggs."

Lazer McGee, West Virginia state mine inspector, said the tornado collapsed Shinnston houses "as if they were cardboard." Besides leveling hundreds of houses, the storm cut the 132,000-volt power line into Clarksburg.

State Guardsmen—four companies of them were ordered out by West Virginia Gov. Matthew M. Neely—patrolled the roads near the stricken communities. But hundreds of persons walked to the sections of wrecked houses, many of them seeking missing relatives or friends.

Small parties kept digging in the debris, hopeful that loved ones would be found alive. Others hunted for valuables which were lost in the tangled wreckage.

LITTLE DAMAGE HERE

Little damage was done by the tornado in Pittsburgh. Oakland, upper Fifth Avenue, Mt. Washington and Knoxville reported trees uprooted, fallen wires and slight damage caused by lightning.

Ten county detectives were assigned to aid McKeesport police search in ruined houses for more victims.

In Versailles Township 75 houses in an area of about a square mile were flattened, including the home of Mrs. Albert Hampe, 62, whose body was found by rescuers outside her home.

Rural Valley, Indiana County, was hard hit. Witnesses reported 100 to 150 houses were destroyed by the wind.

Taylor County, W. Va., counted 10 dead; five of them members of one family wiped out when their home was reduced to matchwood, according to reports from Grafton.

Bodies of the 10 victims overcrowded the receiving rooms at McGlumphy's Morgue in the town of Flemington. They were from Simpson, worst hit of any community in this area.

HORSE BLOWN MILE

Six injured persons were admitted to a Grafton hospital.

Residents of Buck Run told of a horse being carried bodily from a ridge and deposited on a slate bank a mile and a quarter away.

Fred F. Floyd, tender of the Tygarts Valley Dam, reported that hailstones measuring two and a half inches fell during the storm period.

Trooper F. E. Randall, of the Shinnston State Police Barracks, today gave this description of the tornado:

"The cone-shaped affair was rushing toward our building and in the center of it was a house and a lot of boards. The house struck the radio tower and broke it in half."

In Indiana County, Mrs. Meredith Luke and her 10-month-old baby were crushed to death in their Indiana R D 3 home which collapsed during the winds.

State Police Commissioner C. M. Wilhelm went to the Western Pennsylvania storm zone yesterday to aid in rescue work. State police at Washington, Pa., gathered a supply of blood plasma and rushed it to West Virginia hospitals.

More Than 1 Tornado Seen Here

Lone Twister Could Not Have Done It, Says Brotzman

Not one but several tornadoes are responsible for the death and destruction in the Tri-state area, in the opinion of Meteorologist W. S. Brotzman.

The forecaster pointed out it would have been impossible for one storm to have traveled the route originally traced by "the tornado."

WELLSBURG HIT FIRST

Brotzman said the first tornado was recorded at Wellsburg, W. Va. at 7:11 p. m. Friday. The second was recorded in the McKeesport area at 7:44 p. m.

At 7:44½ p. m., he said, a tornado struck Amity and, he added, it would be impossible for the storm to travel from McKeesport to Amity in half a minute.

Other points struck, he reported, were Clarksville at 7:52 p. m.; a point east of Palmer, 8:05 p. m.; a point between Lake Lynn and Uniontown at 8:23 p. m., and Shinnston, W. Va., at 8:51 p. m.

STORMS' LIMITATIONS

This hopping around Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, Brotzman said, could not be done by one storm because tornadoes, like thunderstorms, do not last very long.

Some of the storms, he said, may have traveled south and some may have traveled north, but, he added, no single tornado covered the entire stricken area.

Waynesburg Flown Serum

COLUMBUS, O., June 24.—(AP.)—Maj. John J. Hurley, of Washington, operations officer at Lockbourne Air Base, flew 150 units of blood plasma and 200 cases of tetanus anti-toxin to storm-stricken Waynesburg, Pa., early today, landing his mercy ship on a narrow strip lighted by the headlights of hastily-recruited automobiles.

He flew a two-engined training plane and was accompanied by Lt. William J. Ralston, of New York, and WAC Corp. Kathleen Garby, a dispatcher at the air base.

Hurley said on his return that the narrow strip was set in a valley between 500-foot mountains and automobiles were called to light the field after the storm disrupted Waynesburg's electric current.

2,000 Workers Idle After Storm

MARIETTA, O., June 24.—(AP.)—A storm which swept through Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia disrupted war work here today. More than 2,000 war workers were sent home and two plants shut down because of insufficient electrical power.

Tornado Kills 11 in Midwest

International News Service

FREEPORT, Ill., June 24.—Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Addams, 34, today raised to 11 the toll of dead taken by a tornado which ripped its way through LaFayette County, Wisconsin, and Stephenson County in Northern Illinois.

The tornado injured 60 persons and did an estimated \$1,000,000 property damage throughout the storm area last Thursday night and early yesterday.

State Superintendent of Police Harry Yde with 30 of his men directed a staff of officers in keeping hundreds of curious from the stricken areas while rehabilitation work was proceeding.

Storm Victims Rushed Serum

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 24.—(AP.)—A hurry call came out of West Virginia's tornado zone today for anti-tetanus-gas gangerene serum and Health Commissioner J. E. Offner himself undertook to deliver it.

The call came from St. Mary's Hospital at Clarksburg, where dozens of critically injured storm victims needed this particular treatment for deep, tearing wounds.

Miss Katherine E. Cox produced 59 treatments from the state laboratory and Dr. Offner left by automobile to make the delivery.

Tremendous Toll In Buildings And Crops; Property Loss Great

June 26, 1944
The death list from last Friday evening's cyclone mounted over the weekend in Washington and Greene Counties alone, with four in Washington County and 19 in Greene County.

Property loss in the two counties is not estimated, but probably runs into the millions. More than 100 homes were destroyed, and many more were damaged seriously. Also destroyed were more than 100 barns, many garages, sheepsheds, springhouses, milkhouses, corn cribs, and other farm buildings. Hundreds of farms were visited with damage.

The injured list probably is far above 100. Ninety persons from Greene County are in hospitals, and many others received injuries for which they were not hospitalized.

Many received minor injuries in Washington County, including eight young campers of the Washington Presbyterian Society who were at their second annual camp at Camp Buffalo, which was wiped out.

The death list:

WILLIAM SHOOK, 50, Donegal Township.

MABEL SHOOK, 13, his daughter.

MONTA MOORE, 60, Independence Township.

A. HENSLEY KEENAN, 53, Independence Township.

MRS. IDA HAYJEK NICHOLAS, 50, Chartiers.

MRS. STEVE BARNISH, 50, Chartiers, wife of one of the victims of the Chartiers Mine fire of some days ago.

MISS AGNES BARNISH, daughter of Mrs. Barnish.

MRS. ANNA GOOLA KNEPP, 23, Chartiers.

MRS. JESSIE PEARL BERTRAM, 45, Chartiers.

DELORES DIAMOND, 7, Rices Landing, killed at Dry Tavern.

MRS. MARY NESTER DE CLAIR, 38, Chartiers.

JOSEPH DE CLAIR, 7, her son.

MRS. MARY OLANICK, about 50, Chartiers.

HARRY HILLEN, 46, Chartiers.

MRS. DOROTHY CRAIG, 40, Castile.

FAYE IRENE CRAIG, 16, her daughter.

PAUL VUKSON, Jr., 9, Mather, killed at Dry Tavern.

MICHAEL VUKSON, 58, Dry Tavern.

ELIZABETH YARISH VUKSON, 48, Dry Tavern his wife.

MRS. ANNA MATTIA YARISH, 68, Mrs. Vukson's mother.

JOHN ROHRER, 12, Castile.

BERTHA CATHERINE URBAN, 16, Dry Tavern.

EDWARD BEGOVICH, 14, Chartiers.

In addition to loss and damage to buildings, the loss must be counted in crops, farm machinery and dead live stock. The force of the "twister" was such that many cornfields were swept bare, the corn being pulled out of the ground. Even meadows suffered the same fate, the grass being pulled out by the roots. Farm machinery and parts of machines lie scattered in fields throughout the path of the cyclone.

Many horses and cattle were caught in falling barns. The cyclone came at an hour when many farmers were doing their evening milking, and their cattle were in the barns. Poultry, pigs, calves, and even cats and dogs were among the farm animals killed. Eighty-five turkey poults were scattered over several acres of the farm of A. Hensley Keenan, Independence Township, who was killed.

Entire forests were wrecked. On the farm of Paul Adams, Independence Township, an entire tract of about nine acres of fine timber was leveled, and everywhere the twister passed there were hundreds of broken trees, and others torn out by the roots or stripped of all leaves and twigs. The loss in timber alone is very

heavy.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, at Castile, was among the buildings destroyed. The church, at least 80 years old, was of brick, and was one of the best known churches in Greene County. Saturday the members of the church were already discussing ways and means of rebuilding. In the cemetery, across the road from the church, many tombstones were blown over.

At Dry Tavern the Christian Church was lifted from its foundation, turned about 90 degrees and set down about 50 yards from its foundation. The honor roll was the only undamaged thing about the building.

Many roads were blocked for hours after the cyclone with fallen trees, and after these were cleared away the traffic of sight-seers began to clog the roads.

The cyclone also caused a clogging of telephone lines as people in distant parts of the country read or heard of the storm and began telephoning to learn of the safety of relatives.

The cyclone apparently entered the county in the Mt. Hope district of Independence Township, swung southwest to Camp Buffalo, on Buffalo Creek, and crossed into Greene County in the Morris Township section of this county. Thence it moved eastward to strike the Castile and Chartiers Hill sections.

President M. J. Fleming of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland announced the temporary suspension of Regulation "W" as it applies to extension of credit for

the replacement or repair of property damaged in the tornado.

The suspension will permit extension of credit on any terms which dealers or lenders may choose to grant to victims, Mr. Fleming said.

George A. Hoeveler, district rationing executive for the OPA, announced that persons whose new automobiles were wrecked by the tornadoes can obtain new cars as replacements if eligible to purchase them.

Mr. Hoeveler said the owners of the wrecked cars should apply to local rationing boards and, contingent on the boards' approval, purchase certificates would be issued by the district OPA office. No certificates are needed to purchase used cars.

Funnel Clouds Seen As Storm Comes On

That Friday's storm was of the particular kind of windstorm known as cyclone is apparent from the testimony of witnesses who tell of funnel clouds bearing debris, also from the comparatively narrow path of the destruction and the nature of the damage.

Though Webster's dictionary permits use of the word tornado as a loose description of any heavy windstorm, it limits the term cyclone to storms in which the wind moves in a circular direction, as in Friday's storm. A cyclone is what is often known as a "twister".

The storm which hit this county originated in the Ohio Valley, in the opinion of Col. Lucius McK. Crumrine and General Randolph, of the Third Service Command, who flew into Waynesburg yesterday after making a survey by air of the destruction.

Western Section Of County Digs Out From Under Debris

The task of taking stock of the damage and clearing up of the debris in the wake of the cyclone which swept over parts of Washington County and West Virginia Friday evening, causing unestimated property damage in this section, kept hundreds of persons busy Saturday and through Sunday.

Most of the highways have been cleared of falling trees and buildings. Traffic on Sunday was above normal as hundreds of automobiles jammed the roads all day going to the sections where the damage was the most apparent. It will be weeks and months before some places can be cleared up while some damage can never be replaced.

In the western part of this county from Taylorstown to the West Virginia line near Independence it is estimated that more than 100 buildings were blown to pieces and scattered to the winds. Among these buildings were included

many residences, barns and out-buildings.

Thousands of trees including entire orchards were torn from their roots and scattered in all directions and the path cut through those sections was very evident.

The "twister" was freakish in many places. In some parts trees and buildings were blown or laid down in one direction while nearby they were blown in the opposite direction showing the storm was a real twister.

Arrangements are being made for the burial of the four persons who lost their lives in Washington County. Those seriously injured and in the hospitals are improving with one or two exceptions.

Mrs. Friend Lannum near Independence who was injured when their home was destroyed is still in Washington Hospital and her condition is critical. She has a

skull fracture and other injuries.

Miss Artie Moore, near Independence, whose sister, Miss Mona Moore, was killed when their home was destroyed, is still in the hospital and her condition has improved and it is thought she will be able to leave the hospital to attend her sister's funeral on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Shook and her daughter, Mrs. Blair, of near Taylorstown, were taken to the hospital Saturday but their condition was such that they will be discharged today or tomorrow.

Robert Cunningham, near Independence, who was injured when the Moore home was destroyed, was removed to a Wheeling hospital Saturday night suffering from several fractured ribs, a splintered elbow and other cuts and bruises.

At the Moore sisters farm south of Independence, the house was completely blown to pieces and parts of it carried for a long distance. The barn and three machine sheds, garage, and corncribs were completely wrecked, including a threshing machine which was deposited on top of the building in which it was housed after the building had been blown away. Three young heifers and 19 sheep were killed here when they were tossed over and over in the pasture field. Four hundred chickens and five pigs also were killed. Trees were leveled all about the Moore home and one tree that was left standing was shorn of its bark as clean as it could have been done by a knife.

Three other occupants of the Moore home had narrow escapes. Miss Artie Moore and Harry Cunningham who resided with the Moore family for many years and his brother, Herbert, were caught under more than a ton of brick. Henry Georgette, who resides on the Hanna farm adjoining, saw the twister coming and rushed his wife into the cellar and later went to the Moore home. The three were pinned down by the brick, yet in a serious condition he managed to extricate them.

At the Friend Lannum home near by the small home was lifted from its foundation and carried about 250 feet, demolished and deposited in a ravine. Mrs. Lannom was in the home and was seriously injured and her condition in the Washington Hospital is critical. Their automobile was blown 250 feet and dropped in the ravine near Mrs. Lannum. Mr. Lannum was at the barn milking and this building was not damaged to any extent. More than 400 chickens were killed.

At the Joseph Gist farm just over the line in Brooke County, West Virginia, the home was left standing but more than 40 trees in the yard were torn out by the roots and snapped off. They included some handsome pines. Surrounding the house 14 buildings were blown down and scattered. The garage was blown away leaving two cars on the floor. Wool was scattered about. About 50 maple trees in the orchard were uprooted and 700 chickens and 11 pigs were destroyed.

At the J. C. Gist farm, adjoining, the large residence was practically destroyed as the top was blown off and the interior damaged. All the outbuildings including the barn were destroyed. Minnie Gist, who was found in the home surrounded by tons of brick after the storm, received several severe cuts on the head.

The William Lowry home known as the David Mulholland home was practically destroyed. This is a large brick house and the twister hit it and went straight through, tearing out both ends of the house and one side. Trees were uprooted and the barn and other buildings

destroyed. William Lowry, who was shearing his last sheep was in the barn when the cyclone struck.

He was blown out of the barn and landed in the basement. Mrs. Lowry was in the basement milking and escaped uninjured. Mr. Lowry received severe cuts on his head which required several stitches and his shoulder was injured. He was unconscious nearly a half hour. Late yesterday a horse on the farm was died with a huge piece of about nine inches in length four inches wide sticking side where it had been blown by the wind. Rugs in the Lowry were rolled up by the twister neatly as a person would do it.

Much damage was done at the old Lower Buffalo Graveyard which has stood many storms since 1795 when it was first established there. This old burying ground is one of the oldest in the country and is surrounded by a high stone fence made of huge cut sandstone about four feet in length and upwards to 15 inches square. This old cemetery is about 300 feet square and in several places the wind tossed these huge stones about like pebbles. Many of the higher monuments were blown down, one bearing the inscription of "Caroline Waugh, wife of James W. Waugh, born 1835, died Nov. 20, 1885." Miss Margaretta Parkinson in her will left a fund to keep this old burying ground in condition and it is likely it will be put back as it stood before the storm.

Damage was done to the buildings on the John Adams and Orlanda Adams farms. On the Ewing Wilson farm on Mt. Hope Ridge the barn was leveled to the ground and Wilson had a narrow escape when the building came tumbling down on him. A horse and cow were killed alongside of him. When the barn crashed, he was between two heavy beams or timbers of the barn and was saved from being crushed. He managed to crawl from the wreckage. There were ten cows in the barn at the time. A sheep shed and a machinery house were also destroyed. Five windows in the home were broken and the house slightly twisted. The barn was one of the most substantial in that section and was built of heavy timbers.

A sheep house roof on the Me-haffey farm was blown down and the roof from a tenant house.

On the Raymond Kimble farm adjoining the barn and garage were destroyed, together with a chicken house and sheep barn. In the garage were two cars and one was deposited on top of the other. Their orchard was demolished and

some damage done to the roof of the house.

On the Charles Renner farm, known as the Leech place, the house, barn and all outbuildings were destroyed. No one was living on the farm at the time. The house was practically new having been built seven years ago.

The barn on the Horner brothers farm known as the old Baker farm was blown down.

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No Increase In Cyclone's Toll

June 27, 1944
Repairs And Re-
building Begun—
Must Replant Fields

The death toll from last Friday evening's cyclone did not increase yesterday in this district, though the condition of some of those in the Greene County Memorial Hospital was still regarded as critical.

Farmers and other property owners affected went about the business of cleaning up the debris from their grounds, and many began making repairs or planning to rebuild.

Those whose barns or houses were damaged began the work of putting on new roofs or making other repairs, and some were trying to decide whether to tear down the twisted and torn buildings or try to repair them.

Telephone and power companies were still working at the task of getting their lines back into first class condition. Electric current was again reaching all points, but many repairs remained to be made. Telephone connections were also possible to all points, but many lines still required work.

Power was restored to all mines in Greene County, where the current was off completely all Friday night.

As a result of the cutting of power lines in Greene County, every mine in the county was forced to stop operations. Fans and all electric machinery was stopped, and the men working in the pits at that hour had to walk to exits by which they could emerge, menaced by deterioration of the air they had to breathe. The elevators in the mine shafts remained still, and the men had to emerge by fan shafts, slope entrances, or climb out by other entrances.

Farmers also began to plan what to do with denuded fields. Corn must either be replanted, at a very late date, or some other crop, like soybeans, buckwheat or grass, must be planted to prevent the land washing. As it is, probably some denuded land will remain bare until time for fall planting.

It is not thought that any bodies remain in the debris of wrecked homes in Washington and Greene Counties, as these have been searched well. That however, does not seem to be the case in some other storm-swept areas, such as that about Shinnston, W. Va.

Most of the preliminary relief work was over yesterday, and the more permanent phases of the work, such as sproviding shelter, clothing and food supplies for the homeless were begun. Mather Boy Scouts plan to make a collection of furniture and clothing for those at neighboring Chartiers; the Red Cross and other agencies also are planning means of providing such necessities.

A Red Cross unit has been established at Waynesburg to look after those in the Clarksville and Castile sections, and its work is already organized.

Emergency Call For Penicillin

An emergency call for the miracle drug penicillin was answered at the American Red Cross Washington County Chapter house yesterday, when the Waynesburg Hospital authorities contacted the disaster headquarters here for a supply to be sent immediately.

The call came in the forenoon of Monday and through Melvin E. Livengood, Southwestern Pennsylvania disaster director for the Red Cross, the Chicago Priority Office of Penicillin Distribution was contacted. The Chicago office, the national distributor for the miracle drug, which allocates the penicillin supply to hospitals throughout the United States, wired priority to the Washington Hospital for release of a supply of the drug.

Within a few hours the pact of the new drug was at the Waynesburg Hospital to be used for treatment of the tornado victims of Friday night. The local Red Cross Motor Corps delivered the medicine to the Waynesburg Hospital.

Miss Francis O'Neil, recruiter for emergency nurses, is directing the volunteer nurses from Washington County who are serving in the Waynesburg Hospital. Five nurses are working each eight hour shift in Waynesburg and other hospitals where tornado victims are hospitalized. It is estimated that over 75 are still confined for treatment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watts, Red Cross representative for North Central Pennsylvania, has been assigned to the County disaster headquarters, at the chapter house, 278 East Beau street, and will assist Miss Mae Chesney, who is in charge here.

Yesterday afternoon, Francis E. Pettit, county disaster chairman, J. Nelson Morrow, chapter chairman, Miss Chesney and members of the disaster personnel assigned to this district, met for a discussion of plans for rehabilitation that follows the disaster of Friday night.

"Those who seek assistance in lumber priority in rebuilding homes and farm buildings should contact the Red Cross office here, in order that red tape and loss of time can be avoided, stated Gerald Wakefield, building advisor for the Red Cross. He pointed out that the Red Cross is the official agency for obtaining priority rights from WPB.

Disaster directors have been sent to Rural Valley, Armstrong County, where 40 families have been affected and at Smithfield, Fayette County, five families are being fed and housed through the Red Cross disaster personnel for Southwestern Pennsylvania, located here.

Many Wells In Area Levelled By Big Storm

Oil Derricks Blown Down In Taylorstown District

Reports of 15 oil wells blown down in the Taylorstown field and four steel storage tanks upset, and other damage in that vicinity show the terrific velocity of the storm of last Friday night.

The rigs were all of steel and owned by the Washington Oil Company. The tanks were of 100 and 60 barrels capacity. These wells were all located in the immediate vicinity of Taylorstown.

The compressor building of the Washington Oil Company was blown for two miles into the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad cut near the residence of John Wright, west of Taylorstown. Gas and oil lines were torn up by uprooted trees, and the electric lines used for power to pump these wells were demolished.

The majority of the wells had been electrified three years ago, and were the only oil wells in this section that were operated by the time-clock system.

It is reported that J. D. Vanetta and son had a narrow escape. They had been picking cherries near the compressor station and had left in their automobile just before the storm struck.

A bandwheel at one of the derricks has disappeared, and has not been located, although the band was found wrapped around trees 200 yards from the rig. Parts of the building and other objects blown from other sections have been found in the Taylorstown region.

Parts of the house and clothing of William Shook and his daughter, who were killed by the storm, four miles from the Taylorstown section, were found in that vicinity.

Guests Restricted At Greene Hospital

WAYNESBURG, June 25. — Because of the large number of tornado patients at the Greene County Memorial Hospital it has been necessary to restrict guests of disaster victims to immediate relatives, such as husband or wife, brother or sister, etc. Visiting hours are from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. for private and semi-private rooms and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 3 to 4 p. m. and Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 7 to 8 p. m. for wards.

146 Dead Over 1,000 Injured In Wake Of Terrific Storm

PITTSBURGH, June 25—(AP)—Red Cross and other relief workers moved rapidly today to bring succor to thousands left homeless by a tornado which hit Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland Friday night, killing at least 146, injuring more than 1,000, and causing millions of dollars in property damage.

The Red Cross set up disaster relief offices at Clarksburg, W. Va., and Waynesburg and McKeesport, Pa., near which towns the storm expended most of its fury.

The death toll was increased by one overnight when an additional death was reported in a Waynesburg hospital.

Wherever the Red Cross set up its emergency offices, directors announced that prompt rehabilitation of distressed families was being given and that work of rebuilding homes for those unable to do this

work themselves would start as soon as humanly possible.

Meanwhile, canteens were set up for feeding the thousands who lost their homes and temporary sleeping quarters were established in churches, fire stations, armories, schools and similar public and semi-public buildings.

At Shinnston, W. Va., where 58 died when the twister leveled the Pleasant Hill, Lucas Mill and Sholon sections, 150 were given overnight shelter, men in the Shinnston state armory, women in the basement of the Methodist Church. More than 100 were being fed at a canteen in the armory.

Headquarters for the area was established at Clarksburg where Jerry Wakefield of Washington, assistant National Building advisor for the Red Cross, said:

"The damage, doubtless, will run into millions of dollars in West Virginia."

Mayor Krause States Appreciation Of Heroic Work Of Camp Leaders

Mayor George H. Krause last night issued a public statement in which he expressed gratitude and appreciation of the quick thinking of adult leaders, which resulted in averting a major tragedy at the Y.M.C.A.'s Camp Buffalo in last Friday's cyclone. Mayor Krause said in his statement:

"As Mayor of the City of Washington and in behalf of the citizens of Washington, I desire to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Wilbur Baird, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and his associates, for the pres-

ence of mind, timely instructions and heroic work in saving the lives of the young campers at the Y.M.C.A. Camp Buffalo during the terrific and destructive storm and tornado June 24, 1944.

"Had it not been for the efforts of Mr. Baird and others, many lives would have been lost, and the aid and care given to the injured deserve recognition in some form from the general public. I also wish to state, that my sentiments are concurred in by my associates in the City council."

Repair And Help Flows Into Cyclone Areas

Damage In Three Struck States Amounts To \$3,000,000

PITTSBURGH, June 26.—(UP)—Rehabilitation started today throughout a 220-mile section of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia which at dusk Friday was struck with winds of tornadic velocity, causing 147 deaths, more than 1,000 injured, and \$3,000,000 damage.

The Red Cross, Salvation Army, police, soldiers from nearby barracks and civilian defense workers joined with hundreds of volunteers to house and feed hundreds of homeless families and begin reconstruction in the Tri-State area.

In West Virginia the WFA and the State Department of Public Assistance gave food and medical care to the "twister's" victims while workers were being employed through a field office of the WPB to help repair the damaged areas.

At Shinnston, W. Va., probably the hardest hit of all areas, State Police established a clearing house for West Virginia dead, and today had compiled an official list of 92 victims. A previous unofficial estimate placed the dead in the state at 118, and salvage crews are expected to find more bodies as wreckage is cleared. At least 14 persons still are missing.

In the hard-hit Boston-Greenock-McKeesport area, the death toll reached 16 with several hundred injured. Casualties throughout Western Pennsylvania totaled 36. Maryland reported three dead and 20 injured.

Army troops have been stationed in all devastated areas to guard against looting. Police have reported that several persons have been arrested for pillaging wrecked homes.

One of the biggest problems confronting all areas was housing the homeless, police reported. Neighbors and relatives are taking in many, they said, but homes must be found for some. The Federal Housing Administration and private financing facilities were aiding home owners faced with the task of rebuilding homes and replacing household goods.

Storm Does Tricks To Homes, Lives Like Rude Giant

The tornado was like the titanic finger of some rude and curious giant, prying violently into the lives of the people:

It lifted roofs, ripped off doors, plucked up trees and telephone poles, derailed freight cars, and juggled buildings like balls.

One witness called it a "white whirlwind." Another spoke of a greasy green cone in the center of which floated trees and other debris.

Wherever it touched it left chaos and sorrow; orchards ruined, homes torn to pieces, human hearts and bodies broken. Here were some of the scenes:

Mrs. William Lamb hid from the storm in a cupboard in her home in Chartiers. She chose wisely; for the twister took the house but left the cupboard and her.

Orchard Stripped

Every tree was carried away from H. W. Stonebraker's orchard, largest in Indiana County. Earl Nebrow, near Somerset, fared better. The storm left him one apple tree.

Fifty-one boys were eating in the dining hall of Camp Buffalo, near Washington, Pa. Their leader, YMCA Secretary Wilbur S. Baird, saw the storm coming and led them to a hillside where all lay flat on the ground. The dining hall and cabins were leveled; the boys were saved.

Flag Still Flying

A small American flag, tacked to a pole, waved bravely through the tornado; but the house beside it in Baldwin Township was ripped into kindling.

Looking across the Youghieny River from the National Tube's Christy Park works, Foster Beatty saw seven houses, one of brick. Then the storm struck. When it lifted, only the brick house remained.

Sixty-seven-year-old H. W. Hoak, of Liberty Borough, saw the tornado coming, carrying roofs and doors. He ran into the house to his wife, Ethel. When the storm had passed, he pointed to the suit he wore and said:

"This is all I have left."

'Gone With Wind'

John Ambro's 6-year-old daughter and her grandmother were hurt when the house in Port Vue blew away. Said John:

"My life's work is gone with the wind."

Said Mrs. Anna Bauer, of Hays: "It was as if a giant with a huge scythe had gone along the hillsides. Trees were cut down as clean as wheat stalks."

Ray Hamilton, of Versailles Township, looked up from his dinner and asked his wife:

"What's the commotion?"

Just then his bedroom flew up into the air.

Trapped in Bath

A man in Versailles Township took the longest bath of his life. He was in the tub when the wall caved in, trapping him there.

The suction of the storm lifted two freight cars from a Baltimore and Ohio track in Indiana County, and deposited them neatly on another track.

The pastor of the oldest church this side of the Alleghenies, the Rev. J. W. Clawson, 60, of Middle Church, saved himself by clinging to a tree while the wind unroofed the church and parsonage.

A Versailles man had withdrawn \$1,600 from the bank to pay off his mortgage. The twister took home and money; but rescue workers found \$1,400 nearby.

Dog Guards Boy

Patrolman Albert Binkney and Fireman Howard Thorpe entered a wrecked house in Dravosburg and found a dog sitting beside a boy, who was critically injured. They carried boy and dog outside. Hours later, the dog still sat at the rear steps, waiting for the master who was not there.

Seven months ago, the Willis Kirklands bought a house on the Boston-Greenock Road. Seeing the tornado coming Friday night, Mrs. Kirkland led her husband and daughter, Adora, 9, to the basement. The storm shattered huge poplar trees in front of the house, and demolished eight new homes across the street. The Kirkland homewas spared.

It was when the plaster started to fall that Mrs. Dorothy Wackerle, of Dravosburg, became alarmed. Then it was too late. She, her daughter, Nancy Jean, 2, and her father-in-law, James

Honor, were pinned in the wreckage for half an hour.

Plane Demolished

In Brownsville, people said they saw an airplane ripped to pieces in the storm. An all-night search failed to find it.

Doctors urged all who had been hurt in the tornado to report to their physicians or to hospitals for anti-tetanus serum to protect them from lockjaw.

In the town of Castile, Greene County, the storm reached into the Craig home, pulling Paul, his wife and their daughter, Faye, 15, into the street. Paul was slightly hurt. The mother and daughter were killed.

Mrs. Edith McAuliffe and her seven children escaped without a scratch when their home in Dravosburg was blown against the house next door. She said:

"I thank God . . . but God help those other poor people who were buried."

Pvt. Harold Williams came home to Port Vue to be with his wife, an expectant mother. When he got home, the house was shattered and his wife died while he was taking her to the hospital.

OCD on the Job

In the control room of Allegheny County's Civilian Defense system, OCD communication officers kept in constant contact with police, hospitals and firemen in the hardest hit areas to see that all needs were supplied.

A 12-room house, built in 1870, was demolished when it was blown over by the gale in Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County. It is owned by Agnes May and Elizabeth Robbins.

LSC Outrides Storm on Ohio

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 24. —(AP.)—The commander of an LSC (ship landing craft) proceeding upstream on the Ohio River last night, reported to State War Finance headquarters today that his ship was buffeted by a brief but terrific storm last night.

The unusual occurrence coincided with the tornado which wreaked a heavy toll of life and property damage across Central West Virginia, which prompted Lt. J. J. Braun, the boat's commanding officer, to report the occurrence to War Bond headquarters.

The officer said that at 10:15 p. m. "an extraordinary electrical and thunder storm" broke, and 15 minutes later "the clouds literally opened up and the rain fell in such sheets we couldn't see the bow of the vessel."

Braun ordered the boat put about with the intention of dropping anchor and riding out the storm when it ended as suddenly as it came.

Bruised!

House Blown 150 Feet, Mother, Baby Escape

SHINNSTON, W. Va., June 24. —(AP.)—Young Mrs. Mills stooped over last evening in her home at Oakdale to pick up her baby for its nightly feeding.

The state's worst windstorm struck just then and the house was wafted 150 feet across a nearby creek.

The baby suffered a few bruises, Mrs. Mills likewise.

Cyclone Injuries Fatal To Mrs. Walter Barnhart

Chartiers Woman 20th Greene County Victim Of Storm

WAYNESBURG, June 27.—Mrs. Josephine Barnhart, 34, of Chartiers, died at 10 a. m. today in the Greene County Memorial Hospital, becoming the 20th Greene County victim of the cyclone which last Friday visited Washington and Greene, Counties. Her death was due to injuries received when the wind destroyed her home, next to the company store at Chartiers. Her foot was amputated by flashlight in the attempt to save her life.

Mrs. Barnhart was the wife of Walter Barnhart, who is also in the Greene County Memorial Hospital, in a serious condition. Their two children, Lloyd Cannon Barnhart, 14, and Joann Barnhart, 13, are also in the hospital.

Mrs. Barnhart was born Dec. 13, 1909, at Blacksville, W. Va. She was a daughter of Eli K. and Kate Huffman Guthrie. She spent all her life in Greene County.

Surviving, besides her parents, who reside in Morgan Township, and her husband and children, are the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Pearle Brown, Phillips, W. Va.; Clyde Guthrie, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Lillian McCabe, Jefferson; Russell Guthrie, Turtle Creek; Lloyd Guthrie, Dry Tavern; Fernetta Leickliter, of Brunsells; Mrs. Hazel Kniseley, Jefferson; Mrs. Helen Garber, Baltimore.

Yesterday crews from the Bell Telephone Company, West Penn Power Company and the Duquesne Light Company were busy replacing poles and stretching wire knocked down by the storm. A Salvation Army mobile canteen distributed hot coffee and sandwiches to rescue workers and storm victims.

'Like War' In This Village

Houses Wrecked, One Blown Across The Youghiogheny

By MATTY RUMIN
Sun-Telegraph Staff Writer

The little community of Boston in Elizabeth Township, looked like an artillery barrage hit it. Practically every tree was barren and leaves. Many were splintered as if they had been struck by shells.

One of the sad things about this tragedy is that the majority of home owners in Boston, Greenock and Port Vue, did not carry storm insurance. A good number of homes destroyed in these places represented a life of self-denial and saving.

Those whose homes were financed by Federal Housing Authority were more fortunate, because they carried storm insurance.

MOST HOMES DAMAGED

The majority of homes in Boston were damaged. Greenock also suffered greatly. A frame house atop a 100-foot elevation in Center Avenue, Versailles, was caught by the twister and blown across the Youghiogheny River, over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks into the community of Boston, a distance of several hundred feet.

Yesterday victims returned to what were once their homes. They combed the debris. Women were particularly anxious to recover hard-to-get radios and refrigerators.

ROADS JAMMED

Roads in many of the stricken areas were jammed by motorists. Squads of state police and local police kept them on the move.

Looking down at the foundation—all that is left of his home—Frank J. Kurf, 56, of 801 Edmundson Avenue, Port Vue, said:

"All my life I worked hard... saved and scrimped to own my own home. Now in less than a minute everything is lost."

Kurf's crippled daughter, Catherine, 26, was blown 75 feet from the house. She is in McKeesport Hospital.

TRICKS OF FATE

Fate played some strange tricks. Take Clyde Holsing, for instance. He and his wife and two children, Elaine, 11, and Jack, 10, escaped injury. Their home was destroyed. They were unharmed because they had gone to visit friends.

But his brother, James, was not so fortunate. He, with his wife and two children, Dorothy, 16, and Mrs. Vera Patterson, 17, remained at home. Their home was destroyed. It was hurled down a 75-foot hill. The entire family was injured.

One More Victim Of Cyclone Dies

Wanda Kuzlinski, 21, Dies At Waynesburg Hospital

The death toll in the Washington-Greene County area from last Friday's cyclone was increased to 25 yesterday at 5:20 a. m. by the death in the Greene County Memorial Hospital, Waynesburg, of Wanda Kuzlinski, 21, of Chartiers.

Miss Kuzlinski had been employed at Cleveland for some time, and was spending a vacation at her home. She expected to return to Cleveland Sunday.

Her mother, Mrs. Katherine Fles Kuzlinski, and a sister, Helen, of Chartiers, are also in the hospital with injuries received when the cyclone struck their home.

Miss Kuzlinski, a daughter of Mike and Katherine Fles Kuzlinski, was born Feb. 2, 1923, at Brantzer, Westmoreland County.

Surviving, besides her parents, are three brothers in the Army, Joseph, stationed at Hartford, Conn.; Andrew, in England, and Stanley, in Italy, and two sisters, Harriet, at home, and Helen, in the hospital.

Her death raised the total number of fatalities in the storm to 45 in Pennsylvania, and to 158 for the entire three-state area.

Relief and rehabilitation work went on yesterday throughout the stricken area.

It was announced in Washington City by Abner H. Ferguson, Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, that families in the stricken area had been offered loans insured by the FHA to finance restoration of their homes, and business and farm properties.

Gustave Meyer, director of the Pittsburgh Red Cross, said that in some cases homes would be built for families unable to replace their dwellings.

Disaster headquarters for the stricken Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland areas was set up at Clarksburg, W. Va., yesterday in charge of Joseph Carter, director of Disaster Service for the Eastern Area of the Red Cross.

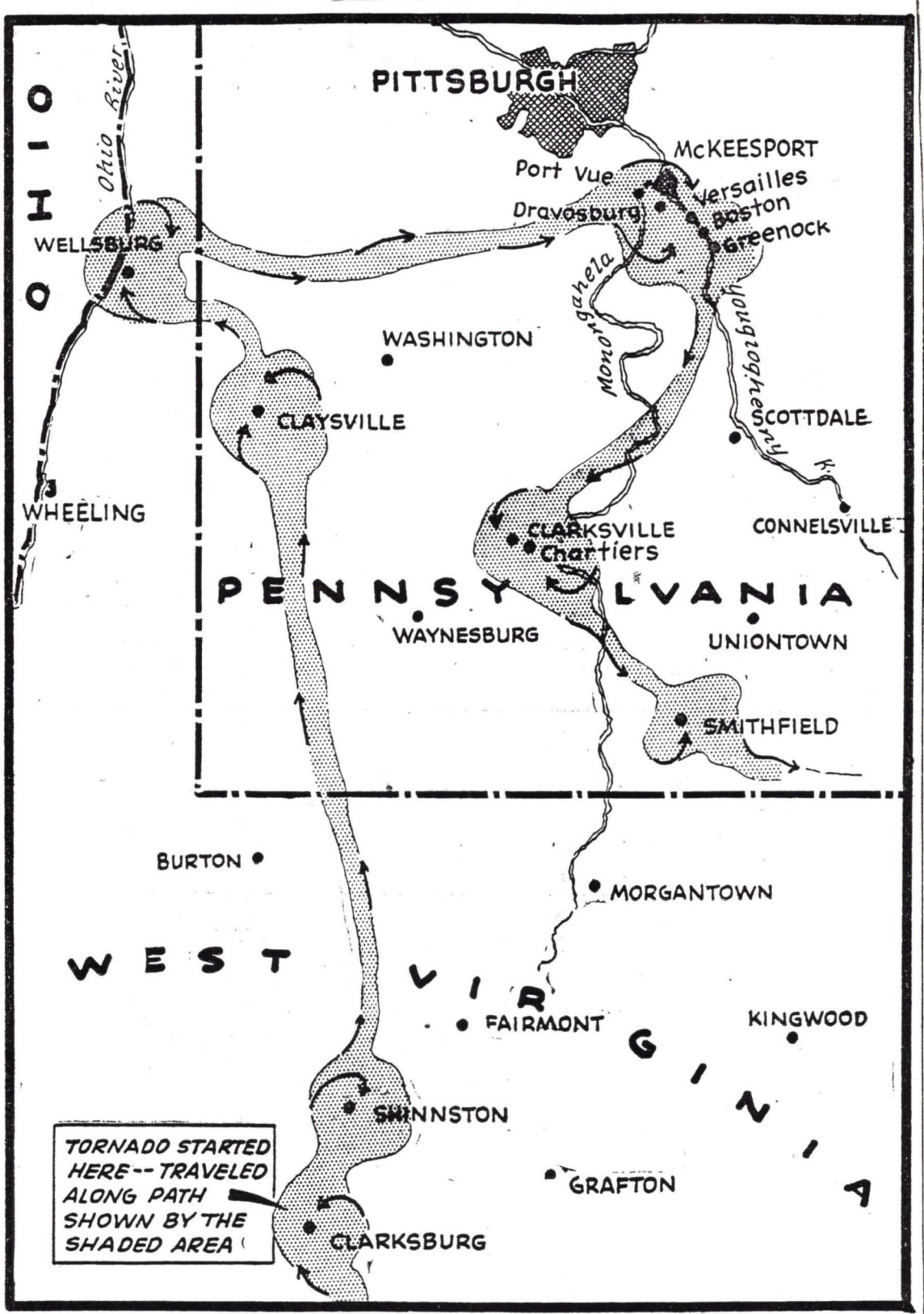
Carter said each county will be an administrative unit, with regional offices at Elkins and Shinnston, W. Va., and Washington.

Melvin E. Livengood, working from Washington, will supervise rehabilitation work in Greene, Washington, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset Counties in Pennsylvania and Brooke County in West Virginia.

Carter said official Red Cross figures showed a total of 1,173 families were affected in three states, 450 homes destroyed, 589 barns and other buildings destroyed, and 507 homes, 54 barns and 673 buildings damaged to the extent of \$75 or more.

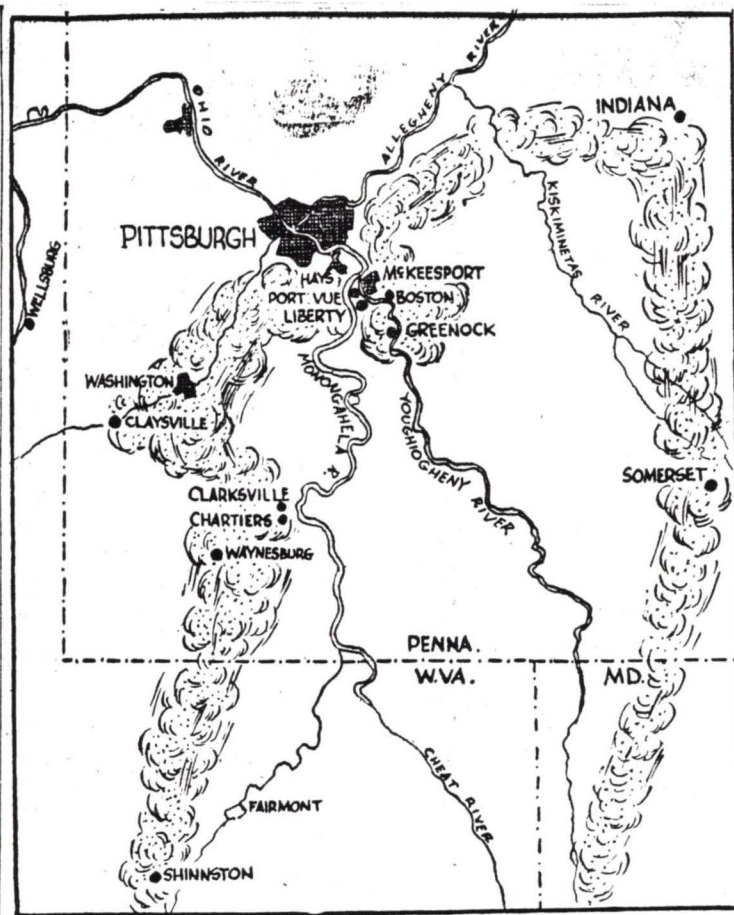
Of a total of 291 persons originally hospitalized, 244 are still in hospitals, 173 in West Virginia, 71 in Pennsylvania.

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TORNADO STARTED
HERE-- TRAVELED
ALONG PATH
SHOWN BY THE
SHADED AREA

PATH OF DESTRUCTION in last night's tornado is shown in the shaded areas above. Apparently the twister started in West Virginia, ripped through Western Pennsylvania, and turned south again.



PATH CUT BY STORMS— Death took the route in the tornado which roared through Southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia Friday night, exacting a toll of approximately 150 lives. Weather observers say the several storms traveled northeast to southwest, unlike most "twisters" of the type.

WILLIAM S. LOWRY

William S. Lowry, 80, one of the well known residents of the Independence district, died Sunday, March 7, 1948, at his home on the Pennsylvania-West Virginia state line after an illness of a month due to influenza and a heart condition.

Mr. Lowry purchased the David Mulholland farm several years ago and had resided there since. His home was one of those practically destroyed by the tornado of 1944.

A son of Martin and Martha Mulhollen Lowry, he was born Oct. 26, 1868, on the Lowry farm, a mile southeast of Independence, in which district he had resided throughout his life. He was the last member of a family of 13 children.

He had followed farming and was a member of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church of Independence.

Mr. Lowry was twice married. His first wife was Pearl Perrin. To this union two children were born, Martin, who resided with his father, and Alice in Chicago. Following her death, he was married to Cora Lee, of Colliers, W. Va., who died March 28, 1947. He leaves a number of nieces and nephews.

Cunningham

Henry C. Cunningham, 83, of Avella R.D.1, died Saturday, May 15, 1982, in Washington Hospital.

He was born February 18, 1899, in Independence, a son of William and Nannie Carl Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham was a farmer. His wife, Ann Silver Cunningham, died in 1980.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Mary Adams of Washington, and several nieces and nephews.

Cyclone Death Toll Increased

Chartiers Woman Dies In Hospital— Two At Clarksburg

One woman was added yesterday to the list of deaths in Greene and Washington Counties resulting from last Friday's cyclone.

Mrs. Josephine Barnhart, 34, who was injured when her home, next to the company store at Chartiers, was demolished by the wind, died at 10 a. m. in the Greene County Memorial Hospital, Waynesburg, making the 24th victim in the two counties.

Her husband and two children, Lloyd Cannon Barnhart, 14, and Joann Barnhart, 13, are in the hospital, and the husband's condition is serious.

A picture of Mrs. Barnhart undergoing a foot amputation by flashlight was published in papers over much of the nation.

It was feared last night that there would be other deaths from storm injuries, as some of those in the Greene County Memorial Hospital were reported in critical condition.

Yesterday the work of clearing up the debris and of providing food, shelter and clothing for the homeless went on. The Red Cross and other agencies, including churches and Boy Scouts, worked on the problem of caring for the homeless.

Alvin J. Williams, Pittsburgh OPA director, asked permission of the regional OPA offices in New York City to replace victims' ration books. He also petitioned for extra gasoline for relief workers.

Two more deaths were also reported at Clarksburg, W. Va., bringing to 155 the total death in three states. The count stood: West Virginia, 109; Pennsylvania, 43; Maryland, 3.

Will Of Cyclone Victim Probated In Courthouse

Home And \$1,500 In Bonds Lost From Barnish Estate

WAYNESBURG, June 29.—Written only a few hours before she was killed and her home destroyed, the will of Mrs. Mary Barnish, one of the 21 Greene County victims of last Friday night's tornado, was probated here today.

It disposes of an estate valued at \$1,750, of which \$1,500 is in War Bonds which were lost in the storm, and the rest is in two lots on which her home was located and which are valued at \$250.

Mrs. Barnish's husband lost his life in the recent fire in the Chartiers Mine, and his body is sealed in the workings.

The will directs that her home—which she and her husband had purchased from a coal company subsidiary—be kept so long as any of her unmarried children desire to live there and that all the household furnishings be kept.

After the children no longer desired to use the home it was to be sold and half of the proceeds given to a son, Edward, who is overseas in the Army and who helped buy the dwelling. The other half was to have been given to the other children equally. One of these, Agnes, was also killed in the storm.

As though acting on premonition, Mrs. Barnish insisted on having her will written last Friday afternoon while in Waynesburg to complete filling out compensation claims in connection with the recent death of her husband in the Chartiers mine fire. She also insisted that it be left in the office of Atty. James E. Isherwood, who prepared it for her and who, with Miss Edna Pryor, witnessed it.

A son, Stephen, home on furlough from the Army, is executor.

LAMONTA MOORE

Miss Lamonta Moore, who lost her life Friday evening, June 23, when the Moore home, one mile south of Independence, was destroyed by the cyclone which swept that section, was a daughter of the late William S. and Martha Murchland Moore.

She was born September 5, 1886, on the farm where she spent her entire life. She received her early education in the Boyd School of Independence Township. She was a member of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church at Independence, a member of the Franklin Woman's Club and also the Franklin Grange. She was active in all community affairs.

Miss Moore lost her life when she went to the upstairs of her home to close windows when the storm struck that section. She was blown from the upper story and her body was carried about 150 feet where it was crushed by a tree that had been blown into the yard by the cyclone.

Tragedy has twice entered the Moore home as many years ago a brother, Roy Moore, was killed when a horse fell on him.

Miss Moore was one of four children and is survived by one sister, Miss Artie Moore, who resided on the home farm with her. Mrs. Lydia Cunningham, a sister, died some years ago. Three nieces also survive, Mrs. D. H. Farrar, West Middletown; Mrs. Charles Friend, Wellsburg, and Mrs. Guy Staley of Dover, Ohio.

A. HENSLEY KEENAN

A. Hensley Keenan, 61, was killed on his farm, near Mt. Hope in Independence Township, Friday, June 23, when struck by flying debris during the cyclone which struck that area.

Mr. Keenan was born in Independence Township, on a farm adjoining the one on which he was killed, March 18, 1883, a son of George and Caroline Adams Keenan. His entire life was spent in Independence Township where he was a successful farmer.

On February 4, 1902, he was united in marriage with Mary Ellen Miller. He was a member of the Claysville Grange and a former member of the Zion United Brethren Church.

Besides his widow he is survived by three children: Ila, wife of Verner Smith, Avella; Faye, at home, and Jay M. Keenan, West Middletown. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Clark Keenan, Claysville, R. D. 2; Mrs. Bessie Meloy, Claysville, R. D. 2; Shimp Keenan, Washington; Mrs. Cora Waite and Mrs. Blanche Duvall, Pomona, Cal., and Mrs. Hattie Adams, Avella; and four grandchildren: Jay, Jr., and Clair Keenan and Donald and Darlene Smith.

Wind Damage At West Middletown

Wind caused considerable damage in the West Middletown district Sunday.

Part of a barn on the R. M. Thompson farm was ripped off.

A cow stable on the C. H. Hutton farm, formerly the J. B. Mason property, was blown over.

Three haystacks were blown over on the Sam Denny farm.

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p.m. Wednesday in the Chambers Funeral Home, 1030 Main Street, Wellsburg, W. Va., where services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 6, with the Rev. William Ball officiating. Interment in Independence Cemetery.

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GALE AT CHARTIERS LEVELS 50 HOUSES

By BURT WILLIAMS

Sun-Telegraph Photographer

Fifty homes were leveled by the tornado in the hamlet of Chartiers, Greene County.

Eleven persons were killed and around 100 injured.

WILLIAM HOWARD SHOOK MABEL LUCILLE SHOOK

William Howard Shook, 51, and a daughter, Mabel Lucille Shook, 13, Claysville, R. D., died instantly Friday evening, June 23, 1944, as result of a tornado which struck the Shook farm.

Mr. Shook was born near Roneys Point, W. Va., April 16, 1893, a son of Robert L. and Martha Majors Shook. He spent most of his lifetime in West Virginia until moving to the Claysville district 12 years ago. He was a member of the Church of God of Elm Grove, W. Va.

He is survived by his wife Edna Hand Shook; the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Martha Rothwell and Opal Shook, Avella, R. D.; Mrs. Ethel Blair, Claysville, R. D.; Clarence W. and John R. both in the Navy; Delmer, Lee and Paul, at home; the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Laura Greenlee, Wheeling, W. Va.; Mrs. H. P. Maxwell and Mrs. Elizabeth Walsh, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Alice Watkins, Elm Grove, W. Va.; Mrs. Bertha Dick, Pittsburgh; Robert Lee, Chicago, Ill.; Russell and Clyde, Cleve-

land, O., Bert and Thomas, Fulton, W. Va.; a grandson, William Lee Rothwell, Avella.

Mabel Lucille Shook, 13, was born at Hambden, O., March 13, 1931. She was a pupil in the seventh grade of White School. She leaves her mother and eight brothers and sisters.

One woman's body was found in a tree 100 yards from her demolished home.

Furniture and parts of houses were strewn over an area of several square miles.

Hours after the devastating storm, those who escaped uninjured searched through the wreckage of their homes for valuables.

One boy carried \$353 to a state police sergeant. He had found it in the debris of a little frame dwelling.

Residents appeared dazed by their experience, as if they had endured a blitz of bombs from the sky.

Others were stoical. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rankin and their daughter, Dorothy, ate their noon meal yesterday in one room of their almost-wrecked house. It consisted of bread and orange pop. The pop was poured into a few cups retrieved from the debris.

Rankin smiled through it all. He explained:

"It is fortunate that one can smile with all the death and destruction around us. Some one has to keep up the spirits of others less fortunate than we are."

State police brought Red Cross workers, doctors and nurses from Greensburg to care for the injured. Most of the victims were taken to Waynesburg Hospital.

State police guarded all roads leading to Chartiers and prevented sightseers from entering the devastated zone.

Tornado's Death Toll Now 159

PITTSBURGH, June 30.—(AP)—The death toll of the destructive tornado that hit parts of three states last Friday stood at 159 tonight after the addition of one Maryland death to the casualty list.

To three dead in Garrett County, Maryland, added a fourth death which occurred at Cambridge two days ago but was reported only today. Pennsylvania's total remained at 49, West Virginia's 110.

Meantime, Red Cross disaster headquarters for the three-state area at Clarksburg, W. Va., announced official casualty lists were being compiled county by county and would be available within the next few days.

The district wants no more cyclones. It wants no more catastrophes of any kind, with their death and destruction. But it feels that there has been some gain through the rapid development and exercise of the spirit of brotherhood, even though that gain has been far outbalanced by the tremendous loss suffered by the victims. They have the full sympathy of all, even though that sympathy is but meager consolation.

Disaster Strikes Here

Twenty-three persons lost their lives in Washington and Greene Counties because a cyclone struck the area. At almost the same hour Shinnston, W. Va., and Boston, Pa., and surrounding communities were struck, causing a total of more than 150 deaths. More persons may die.

The storm struck with greater mental and financial shock because the area is generally considered to be out of the cyclone district, and few farmers carry windstorm insurance on their buildings. As a result, many farmers are left with nothing but their land—no buildings, no machinery, little or no stock, and perhaps in debt. Crops are blown from the ground, and there is nothing to do but work for other farmers or go to war industries.

At Chartiers Hill the picture is slightly different. The homes bought from the company and being paid for are gone—there is nothing but vacant, debris-littered lots, and the debts for the houses which stood on them. The savings that went into those homes are gone.

And the picture is heavier yet in many of these homes. A mother, a child, a grandmother, and in one home three members dead—all because a storm struck.

Everything seems futile. There is nothing any one can do to foresee or stop the storm, and there is little any one can do now to repair its ravages, or to bring back those whose places are empty.

To blame the storm on God's displeasure or His wrath, to say some one is being punished is but begging the question—it fails to recognize the suffering of those with whom God is not angry.

To blame God is no answer to the sufferings and loss of the storm victims. There is no answer, no one to blame. It is just one of the things that happen when the powers of nature combine to destroy the works of man.

But the storm did one thing. It brought to the surface the human spirit of brotherhood and kindness, for wherever there was suffering there was some one to sympathize and to give such aid as was possible. All possible help was organized and at work as quickly as possible. It was a definite example of practical Christianity.

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Wreckage Of Barn And Home In Independence Area

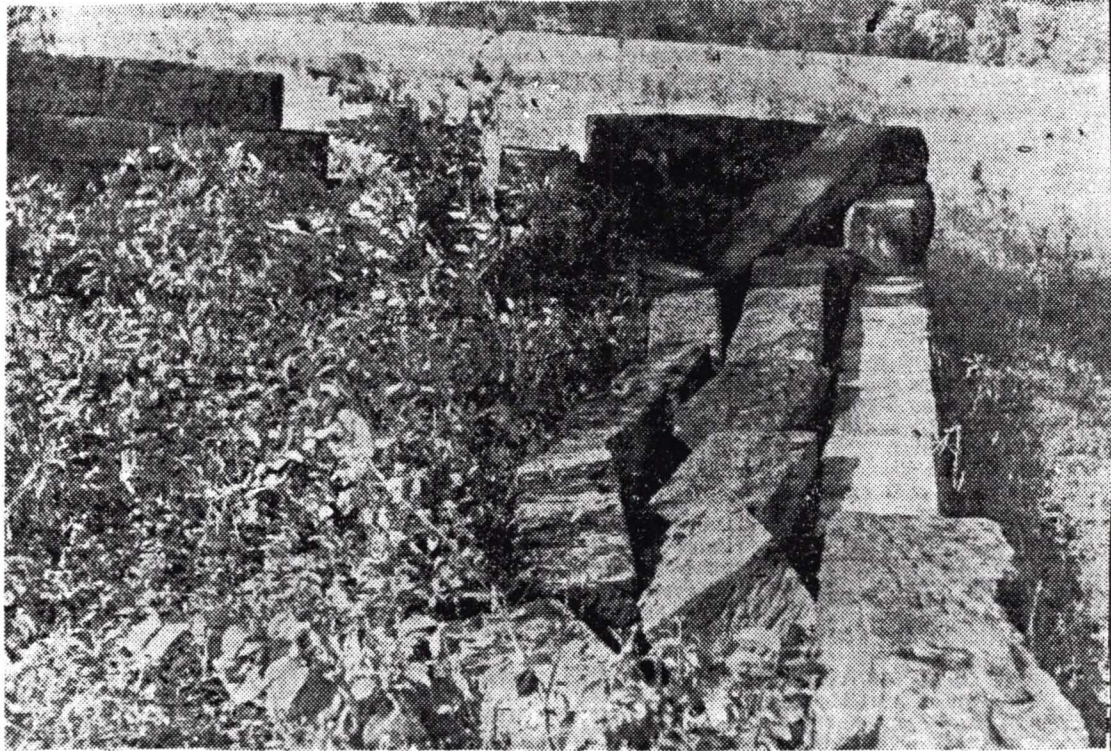


All that was left of the large frame barn on the Moore farm, south of Independence, after the recent cyclone had passed. This was one of the oldtime well-built structures in the county, put together with wooden pins.



Pictured above is the large brick residence of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Lowry, one mile southwest of Independence, after it was hit by the devastating twister recently.

Cemetery Stones Topped In Recent Twister *over*



Huge cut stones four and five feet in length and about 15 inches square surrounding the old Buffalo graveyard, established in 1795, southwest of Independence, were tossed over like pebbles in the recent cyclone. Large monuments were also blown over. Several large trees including some fine old pines were demolished.

Barn On William S. Lowry Farm Leveled By Storm



All that remains of a large frame barn in the William S. Lowry farm, near Independence, showing roots of a large tree also uprooted by the terrific storm.

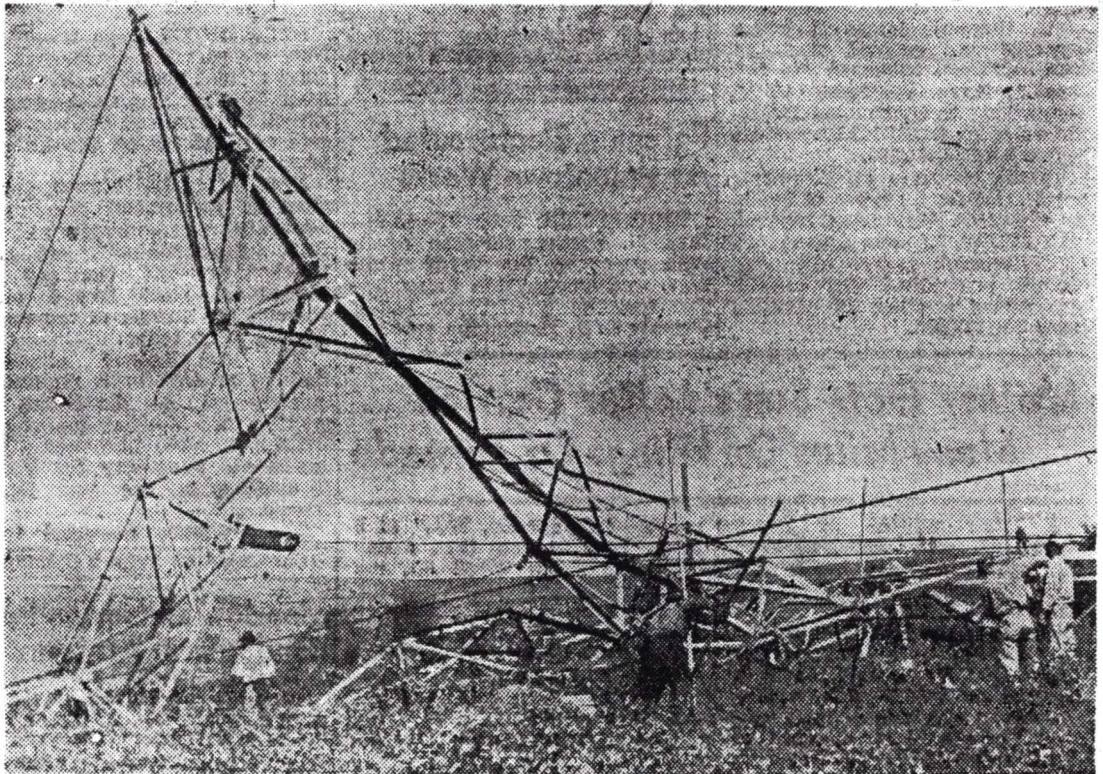
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Scattered Debris Of Home Where One Person Died



Pictured here is the scattered debris of the home of the Moore sisters, south of Independence, where Monta Moore lost her life when blown from the upper story of the house when the wind tore it apart. Miss Artie Moore, Henry Cunningham and Robert Cunningham, other occupants of the home when it was leveled, are recovering satisfactorily from their injuries.

Twisted Wreckage Of Large West Penn Power Tower



Large steel tower of the West Penn Power Company on the William S. Lowry farm, near Independence, twisted and blown over by the cyclone. This tower, all steel, was 80 feet high and 30 feet square at the base, set in concrete.



AP Wirephoto.

SEEK VALUABLES— In the hope she might salvage a few belongings from the complete wreckage of her home in Chartiers-Hill, Pa., Mrs. Riley Bates is poking through the ruins. Assisting her in her search is her brother-in-law, Carl Bates. Hers was one of many houses flattened by the tornado which struck Friday night.



Sun-Telegraph Photo

LEVELED BY 'TWISTER'— Wreckage of six frame houses in the Avondale Plan, Boston, Pa., which were knocked apart by the storm. Only a few of the 26 homes in the plan escaped damage. Uprooted trees and fallen wires were only damage suffered in Pittsburgh as the storm headed south.



An emergency operation is performed in the Armory at Waynesburg, on a victim of the tornado. Because of power failure, resulting from lines blown down, the surgery had to be performed by flashlight. An Army medical corpsman is assisting the doctor working on the injured person.



Pictured above is the wreckage of the barn, left foreground, and 12-room house, center background, on the Shook farm, near Taylorstown, where two persons were killed and four injured. William Shook, 50, and a daughter, Mabel, 13, were killed in the barn and his wife, Edna, 46, was injured. A daughter, Mrs. Ethel Blair, and two sons, Delmer and Paul, who were in the house, also were severely injured.



Wreckage of the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kopec, at Dry Tavern, is typical of what is seen in dozens of places in Greene and Washington Counties.



The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, a brick structure, went the way of all other buildings in the path of the cyclone. Here is a picture of the wreckage.



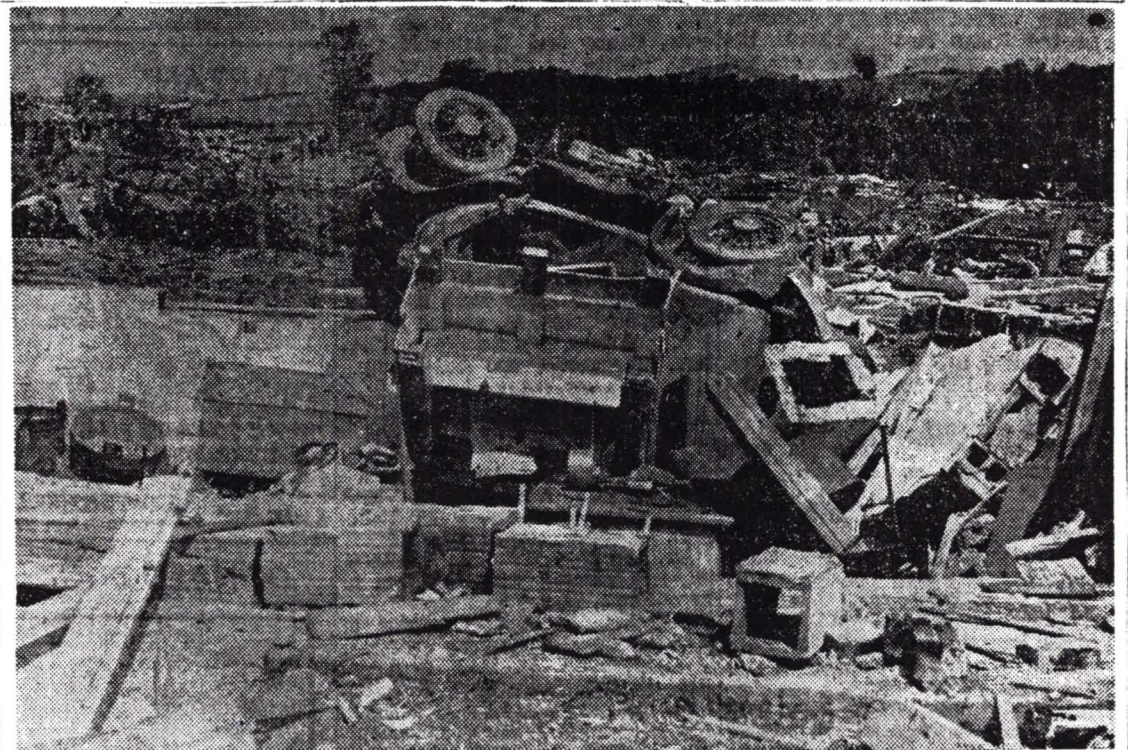
The company store, largest building in the Chartlers community, lies a mass of ripped, broken and tangled timbers, and much of the building material and stock is "gone with the wind." In the picture display cases are seen atop the tangled wreckage, and to the right is seen the nose of a truck caught and covered by the collapsed building. The building is a complete loss.



The dog of Mr. and Mrs. John Kopec, Dry Tavern, refused to leave its home, though the house was destroyed and Mr. and Mrs. Kopec were in the hospital. Late Saturday the dog was still lying on the ground floor of the building, the largest piece of the home still intact.



Here is all that is left of the Washington Y. M. C. A.'s Camp Buffalo, near Taylorstown. Before the storm struck, five buildings were standing in this scene, a large mess hall in the far center and four cabins in the foreground. Sixty children at the camp miraculously escaped serious injury or death when quick-thinking adult leaders took them outdoors from the mess hall and had them lie face down on the ground a few moments before the building was ripped to bits.



Here is a scene of wreckage in the Chartiers Hill community, where 41 homes were destroyed and 25 were partially destroyed.



This is what is left of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mellish, on the road from Moredock Crossroads to Pollock Mill. Mrs. Mellish said that she and her husband sat in the house while the building blew away, and were only slightly injured. The kitchen blew away from around them and they went to the living room. In a few minutes the rest of the house blew away, leaving them standing on the ground floor. "We were blown some distance," Mrs. Mellish said. "I suffered some bad bruises and my husband has a cut above his right eye." Mrs. Mellish was in tears, because she had lost everything she had.



What happened to many trees in the cyclone's path is symbolized by this tree, broken and smashed, with a wrecked automobile under its branches.

Heavy Storms Damage Homes Near Pittsburgh

Trolley Cars And Trains Are Halted By Small Tornado

PITTSBURGH, June 30.—(UP)—In a severe electrical and rain storm which struck in the Pittsburgh area late yesterday, six Wilkinsburg homes were struck by lightning, powerless trolley cars were stranded and several streets were reported flooded in the Wilkinsburg-Homestead section.

Residents whose memories were still fresh with last week's devastating tornado which struck Southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia, said the storm was "as bad as a small tornado." A Baltimore and Ohio railroad train was held up temporarily by high tension wires which fell across the tracks in Glenwood.

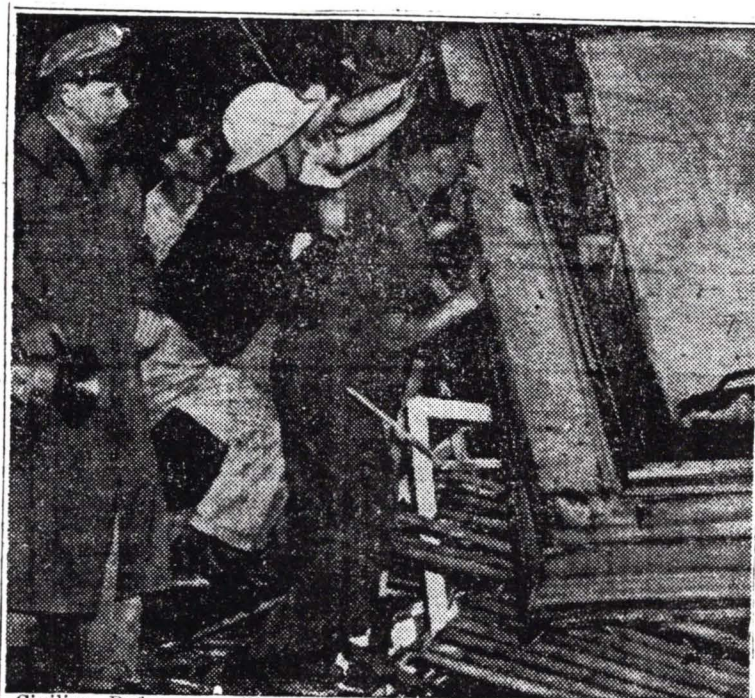
The storm ended a three-day hot, sultry spell in which the highest temperature was reported yesterday at 3:30 p. m. in Pittsburgh at 96, one degree above the previous high for June 29. At 4:30 p. m. after the storm, thermometers registered a refreshing 81 degrees.



Quick work on the part of Ernest Emery, Jr., left, Dravosburg, saved the life of his mother when the tornado hit, blowing down their house and trapping her. He pulled her from the wreckage and she in turn rescued her other children with whom she is pictured here.



Here is the crumpled wreckage of an automobile after it had been hurled and rolled for hundreds of feet from its parking place at Camp Buffalo. Two other cars were left in almost the same condition.



Civilian Defense auxiliary police and soldiers are shown as they searched amid the wreckage for an aged woman believed trapped in this shattered home in Baldwin Township, Allegheny County.

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Eye Witness Account Of Tornado At Camp Buffalo

By Roy S. Brice

This account was prepared at the request of our Editor and Publisher, George J. Melvin. I trust the facts presented are reasonably accurate and comprehensive. In a strict sense of the term it is impossible to give an eye witness account of the tornado at Camp Buffalo. The best one can do is to give a few facts and tell something of the experience.

Camp Buffalo, consisting of 113 acres, is owned by the Washington Y. M. C. A. It is located only a few miles from Claysville on Buffalo Creek. Within the central area of about 5 acres, were 18 buildings and 2 water supply tanks. The buildings were completely equipped and stocked for camping.

At the time of the tornado, approximately 68 people were within the bounds of the central camp sight. Of these, 51 were boys and girls from the various churches of Washington Presbytery, 7 were presbytery staff members and 8 were of the Y. M. C. A. staff. Following is a list of some of the articles which were within the buildings or upon the central camp area. (The figures are approximate) 200 blankets, 100 sets of steel springs for the cabin bunks, enough sets of china to serve 100 people, enough sets of silverware to serve 100 people, 18 tables, 75 benches or chairs, 3 automobiles, electric refrigerators, organ, piano, stoves and kitchen equipment, 75 Bibles and hundreds of other books, 75 flashlights, 100 suitcases, 200 pairs of shoes, typewriter, duplicating machine, motion picture films, motion picture projector, summer clothing and camp wear of all kinds together with purses, pens, pencils, combs, brushes and many other articles too numerous to mention.

The following Daily Camp Schedule gives an idea as to the nature of the Junior High Camp for Boys and Girls (ages 12, 13, 14) which was to be held from June 21 to July 1, 1944. Also, the schedule will serve to point out what I believe was an intervention of the hand of Almighty God, by which the way was prepared for the saving of many lives.

Daily Camp Schedule

- 7:15 a. m.—Rising "All Out"
- 7:40 a. m.—Morning Watch
- 7:55 a. m.—Flag Raising
- 8:00 a. m.—Breakfast
- 8:30 a. m.—Cabin and Camp Clean Up
- 9:15 a. m.—First Class—"The Life of Jesus", divided into four sections under the leadership of Mrs. Roy S. Brice, Miss Margaret Sigafos, Miss Naomi Quigg, Mr. Arthur Day.
- 10:30 a. m.—Second Period Classes: "Becoming A Real Person"—instructor—Roy S. Brice
- "Me and My Church"—instructors: Richard Brown and Edward Johe
- 11:30 a. m.—Planning Groups

- 12:15 p. m. Setter uppers (Soupers)
- 12:30 p. m.—Lunch
- 1:30 p. m.—Rest Period
- 2:00 p. m.—Class Projects, choir Rehearsal, crafts and hobbies
- 3:00 p. m.—Recreation
- 5:30 p. m.—Free Time
- 5:45 p. m.—"Soupers"
- 6:00 p. m.—Dinner
- 7:30 p. m.—Vespers (Because of what appeared to be an approaching rain the campers were assembled at 7:15 p. m. on the evening of the tornado.)
- 8:15 p. m.—Variety Program
- 9:30 p. m.—Cabins
- 9:45 p. m.—Cabin Prayers
- 10:00 p. m.—Lights Out "Sweet Dreams".

The Vesper Hour or what proved to be the Tornado Prayer Service was held at about 7:20 p. m. on the hillside at Camp Buffalo on Friday, June 23, 1944. The moments and circumstances of this service were indeed over shadowed and permeated with Divine Providence. Because of what appeared to be the approach of an ordinary thunder storm, it was decided to hold vespers fifteen minutes ahead of schedule. All campers responded to the vesper bell and assembled at Bison Lodge. A small boy, (We are reminded of the lad of the Gospel who had the fire barley loaves, and two fishes), saw what he took to be a peculiar funnel shaped cloud out over the woods beyond the camp, which fact was made known to Mr. Wilbur Baird, Y. M. C. A. Secretary. At first the sight resembled the smoke from a freshly fueled locomotive of huge proportions. Soon large objects could be seen in the air, which were being driven forward in a circular motion and at great velocity. It was later learned that these objects were items such as large trees and sides of buildings. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Wilbur Baird, who calmly and completely conducted the entire group from the dining room to the front porch of Bison Lodge and from there to the hillside where campers and camp leaders threw themselves face downward upon the ground and dug their fingers into the grass and sod. The duration was probably not over 3 or 4 minutes. Our distance from the center of the camp sight was not over 75 yards. The area on which we were located was the only area of any size which was not littered with debris. The camp buildings were completely demolished. The wreckage together with the articles listed above were caught up into the air and scattered over a vast area of the immediate and surrounding country. One electric refrigerator was carried for about 100 yards. The steel mechanism of the piano was carried far over into the woods. Bits of straw were blown into wooden objects. Pieces of wood were driven through hard objects. One piece of wood was driven through both side walls of a dish pan. Mr. Harold Day, of the Y. M. C. A. staff, drove into the camp grounds just as the tornado began. With him in his car were his wife and little girl. Mr. Day followed the plan of driving his

car in wide circles over the ball field, traveling in the same direction as the tornado was turning. It was Mr. Day, who saw two of the other automobiles being blown through the air far over the heads of the campers. Mr. Day had a busy job acting in the capacity of reporter, automobile operator and in leading in prayer meeting conducted along the lines of the 'two or three' plan. The campers know and believe that prayers were offered and answered during those few minutes. As one boy said, "we all prayed." One camp leader caught the eyes of some campers by his side and looking into their reverence filled faces said, "Isn't it wonderful to be a Christian in a time like this?" It is reported that one of the campers put his last dollar in the offering at his home church on the Sunday morning following the disaster.

The tornado was accompanied and followed with rain which seemed to come down by the bucketful. Immediately after the storm the campers were marched down through the devastated valley, across the bridgeless creek and up the hill to the nearest farm house where the injured were given additional first aid. A car was soon provided and the injured were taken to Washington. The rest of the group went to the Sawhill home where they awaited transportation to Washington. While many of the young people had lost almost all of their personal belongings, their attitude was one of great gratitude for the marvelous deliverance. When Mr. Day and I left the group to return to the camp area, the group was keeping up morale by means of singing. One song which could be heard was "Onward Christian Soldiers."

In concluding this rambling, fragmentary and perhaps inaccurate account of the Tornado at Camp Buffalo, I would like to make my statement of belief concerning the Christian young people of the world. They are not going to the bad as some would have us believe. Rather they are ready to respond to a positive challenge which is worthy of their inner and uncorrupted goodness. That which could be said of the pioneers of this Western frontier in the days of George Washington, may be more abundantly said of the youth of today. They are ready to take the last stand for political ideals and Christian principles. We salute them in the name of Jesus, who said: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Young followers of Christ, march on! march on! march on!

Many Expected To Help Remove Storm Debris

'Clean-Up Days' Movement Gaining Momentum

MUCH TO BE DONE

Plans for two "Clean-up Days" in storm devastated sections of Washington County and adjoining districts made progress yesterday with every indication that hundreds of men will assist in the task of helping rehabilitate farms devastated by the June 23 tornado.

The Rev. John C. Teyssier, of Laboratory, ministerial association chairman, asked that ministers and members of congregations wherever possible join in the movement and suggested that announcement of the "Clean-up Days" next Thursday and Friday, July 20 and 21, be announced from pulpits Sunday.

It was announced last night, too, that a meeting has been called for next Monday evening in the hall at Ten Mile of residents of the Amity, Ten Mile and Marianna districts to make plans to volunteer for rehabilitation work in the Castle district and along the dividing ridge between Washington and Greene Counties which was hard hit.

Local committees are surveying work which needs to be done in the Independence, Buffalo Creek and Claysville-Taylorstown districts with a view to having their plans well organized when the army of volunteers arrive for assignment.

Workers in the western part of the county will report at Taylors-town and at Breezy Heights.

Trucks of the State Highway Department and Washington County will be available, probably two or more from each department.

The appeal of Pomona Master Thomas J. Walker to Grangers of the district to support the movement has given the movement strong impetus.

Individuals, parties or organized groups desiring to participate in the activities are asked to notify the Washington County Agricultural Extension office in Washington, Charles E. Crothers, Taylors-town or George P. Shanks, Avella, general chairman or C. W. Williams, West Middletown, and Lyle Cook, Rea, vice chairmen.

Still Clearing Up Storm Debris

Volunteers Will Meet At Breezy Heights Friday

Volunteers continue to help with reconstruction and clean up work on farms devastated by the recent tornado throughout the county and Friday night will organize for work in the Mt. Hope and Independence districts.

Lyle Cook, West Middletown, urges those who wish to work on the farms to meet at Breezy Heights Friday night, promptly at 6:30 o'clock. The men will be divided into crews to work on any farms of the Mt. Hope and Independence communities which need aid. Tools such as wrecking bars, axles, hatchets, trucks, tractors, cross cut saws will be needed and volunteers are asked to take them with them Friday evening.

Delegations from Hickory and Cross Creek have notified Mr. Cook that they will be present.

Any person whose home or prop-

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Camp Buffalo To Be Rebuilt By Y.M.C.A.

Summer Recreation Center Was Destroyed By Storm

Camp Buffalo, the destroyed Y. M. C. A. site in Blaine Township on Buffalo Creek 13 miles south west of Washington and which was completely demolished by a tornado that swept through Washington and Greene Counties and parts of West Virginia on the evening of June 23 causing thousands of dollars worth of damage and taking many lives, will be rebuilt.

This action was taken by the Board of directors at a meeting held this week. When the camp will be rebuilt will depend much on when the building material can be secured for reconstruction work.

However, one building will be erected at once from the salvaged lumber on the camp site and nearby fields. This building will be used for storing valuable equipment that can be salvaged from the wreck and will also be used for Y. M. C. A. purposes until other buildings can be erected.

Five small emergency buildings used by the County and State Civilian Defense airplane spotters scattered in several sections of Washington County and which are no longer in use will be moved to the grounds of Camp Buffalo and will be used. These spotter cabins are eight by 12 feet and contain two windows and a door and would be capable of housing six boys.

That the public is interested in seeing Camp Buffalo rebuilt is shown by the number of checks that are being received from citizens of Washington for the reconstruction. Lumber and all building materials have to be secured by priorities at this time and it will be difficult to start the reconstruction work at once but, by action of the Board of Directors, the work will be pushed just as fast as these difficulties can be overcome.

Workmen under the direction of Harold R. Day, director of Physical Education, have been working since the tornado getting the lumber in shape for reconstruction of one building.

The old log cabin at the gate entrance which was badly damaged by the wind has been repaired with a new roof, which makes it available for any use that is necessary. This is the old Log House erected more than a century ago by the Grimes family and the Association is happy that this old landmark was not entirely demolished and blown away as were the other buildings.

The Association carried tornado insurance on the various buildings, but the loss sustained could not be entirely covered by insurance. From the tornado insurance the Association will receive \$11,500, but the camp cannot be rebuilt for that amount today. All building materials and equipment are much higher than when the camp was first erected, and when the insurance was placed it was not expected that the entire camp would be destroyed.

The buildings were erected so that a fire would not sweep the entire site.

A resume of the storm loss at the camp should be of interest to the public. It follows:

Seventeen buildings involving 70,000 board feet of lumber, and 2,603 square feet of roofing shingle.

Equipment loss totaling \$2,500—two eight cubic feet Westinghouse refrigerators, one eight cubic foot General Electric refrigerator, tableware desecration estimated at \$125; one double oven hotel coal range, three 60 gallon hot water storage tanks, kitchen sink, 10 dining tables, 44 dining room benches, one upright piano, one Elk head, one carabao head; collection of 30 antique walking canes, \$750 worth of canned food, one dozen brooms, one dozen rakes, shovels, scythes, post-diggers, athletic equipment, hymnals, 36 Bibles, boy's library of 200 novels and non-fiction, three bugles, craft material valued at \$100, 90 beds, 125 mattresses, kitchen utensils and reciprocals valued at \$175, two canoes for a total value of \$175.

Damage to sanitation water supply system estimated at \$500.

Damage to drinking water supply system estimated at \$200. Electric wiring and fixtures damage estimated at \$500, telephone system damage estimated at \$300, damage to swimming and boating area estimated at \$500.

Destruction to stone and brick fireplaces estimated at \$675.

Final Approval By Congregation Expected Sunday

Funds And Subscriptions Are Coming In Steadily

WAYNESBURG, Sept. 4.—Preparations for rebuilding the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, at Castile, which was destroyed by the cyclone of June 23, are nearing completion, and final approval of plans is expected at a business meeting of the members of the church, which has been called for next Sunday, Sept. 10, after the morning worship service.

The pastor, the Rev. Silas B. Acklin, in announcing this meeting, said tonight that it was urgent that every member of the church be present, since the blue print for the new church is to be approved and the exact size of the building is to be decided.

Approval of the new plans has been secured from the State.

Mr. Acklin also announced that a meeting of all members and friends of the church would be held Saturday, at the church, to clean up the debris of the old church, in order that work on the new building could be started soon.

The new building is to contain a basement, a furnace room, a baptistry, rooms for the Sunday School, and an auditorium.

Much material from the building which was blown down will probably be incorporated into the new structure, it is understood. Most of the brick from the walls of the old church will probably be built into the walls of the new edifice.

Much of the labor connected with building the church will be donated by members, it is understood. This will include cleaning the old brick, excavating for the basement, and perhaps much of the work of building.

Pledges of money for the new church are coming in steadily, with additions to the total every week.

Mr. Acklin said tonight that the Washington Lions Club, which has donated \$200 to the church, had also sent him two blankets, for each family in the Mt. Zion community whose home was destroyed by the cyclone. Nine homes were destroyed.

Red Cross Canteen Crew Serves Coffee And Doughnuts



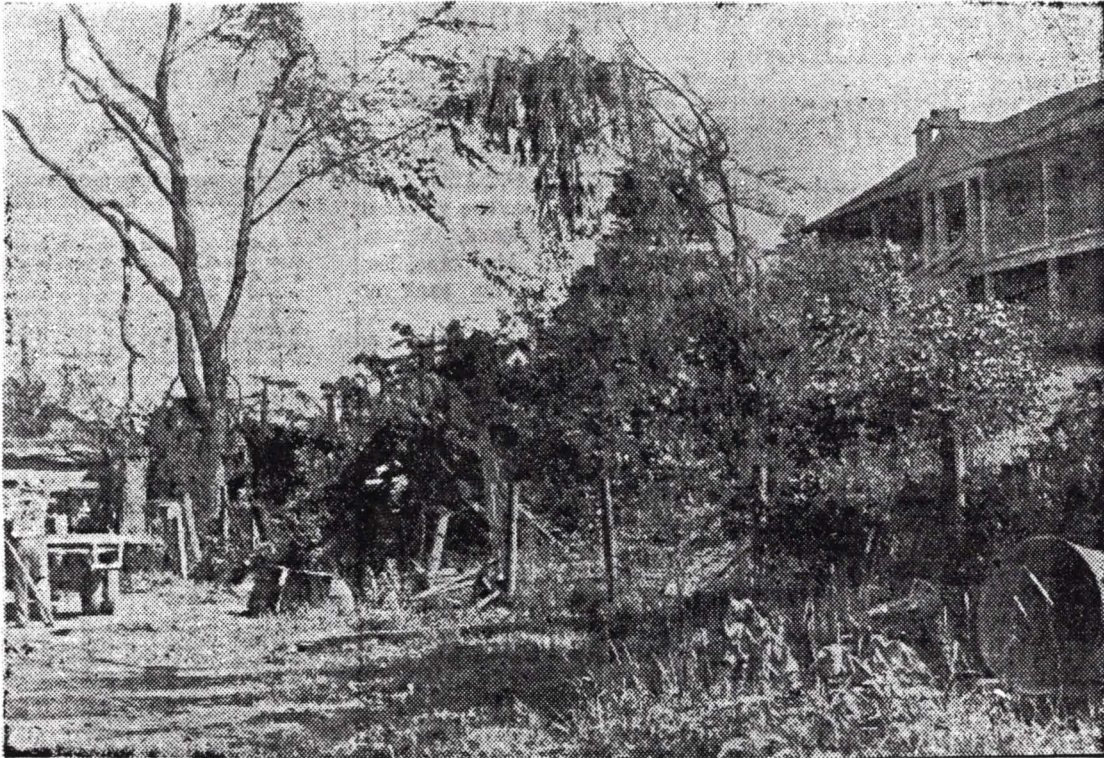
Volunteer workers are shown enthusiastically greeting the Red Cross mobile canteen as it visited one of the farms in the tornado-stricken area. The mobile unit made the rounds in the Mt. Hope-Independence area, canteen members serving hot coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts to the workers.

Box Raises Funds To Rebuild Church Storm Blew Down

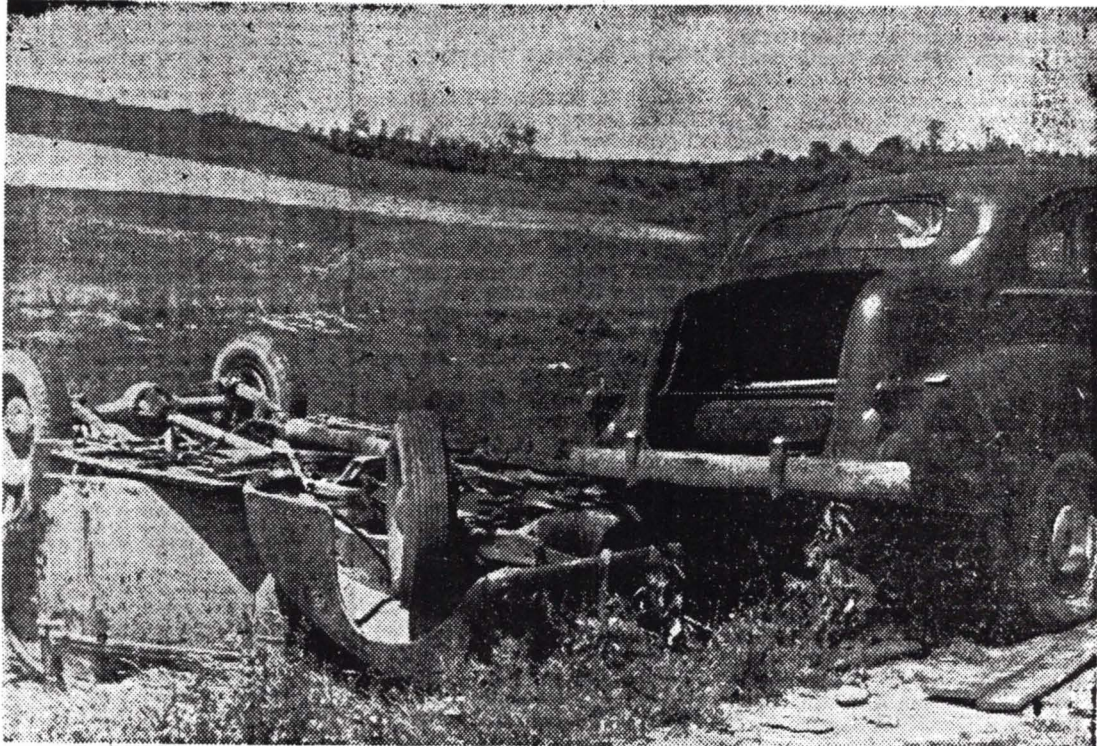


This box set up on the ruins of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Castile, has been instrumental in raising several hundreds of dollars for the rebuilding fund of the church, which was demolished by the cyclone of June 23. In the picture are the treasurer of the building fund and four of the five deacons of the church. They are, left to right: Guy Weaver, building fund treasurer; Lloyd Weaver, J. H. Reeves, Hudson Rohrer and Frank D. Weaver. The other member of the Board of Deacons, W. K. Edgar, was not present due to illness in the family.

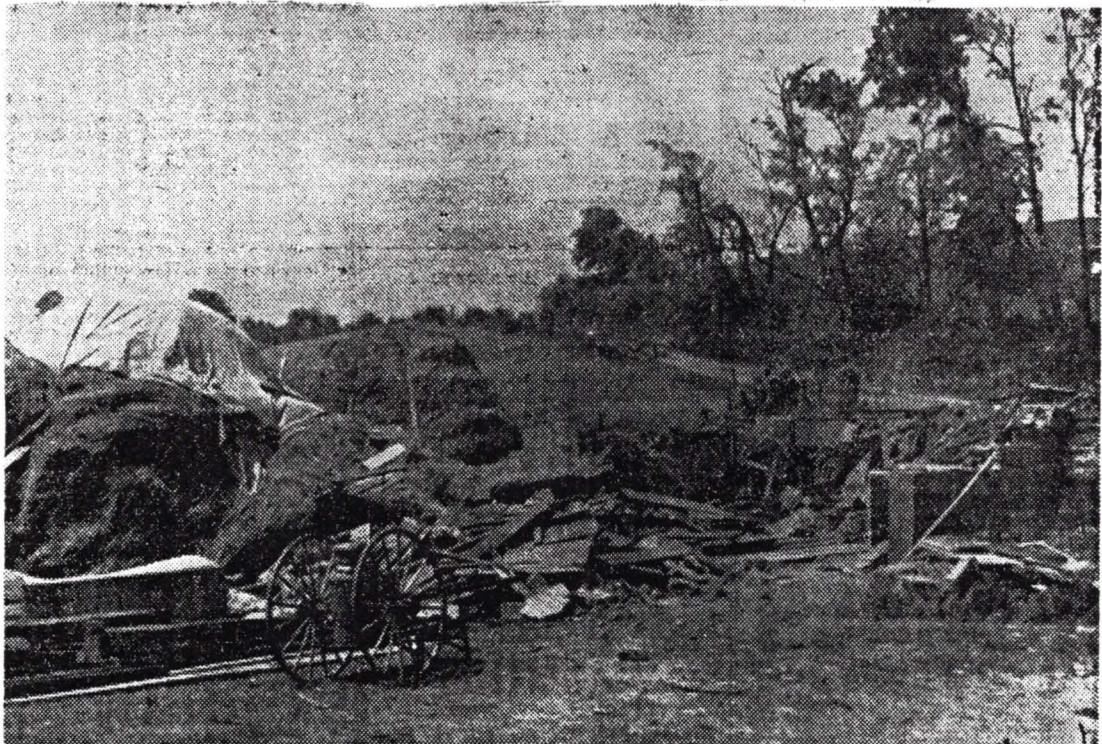
Three Views Of Tornado Damage In Washington County



Residents of Mrs. Laura Gist, southwest of Independence, still stands after the hurricane which demolished 14 other buildings all within a short distance of the residence. About 40 trees of all kinds located in the yard were twisted off and uprooted. Fifty trees in an apple orchard nearby were uprooted. Only damage to residence was a few bricks blown from a chimney.

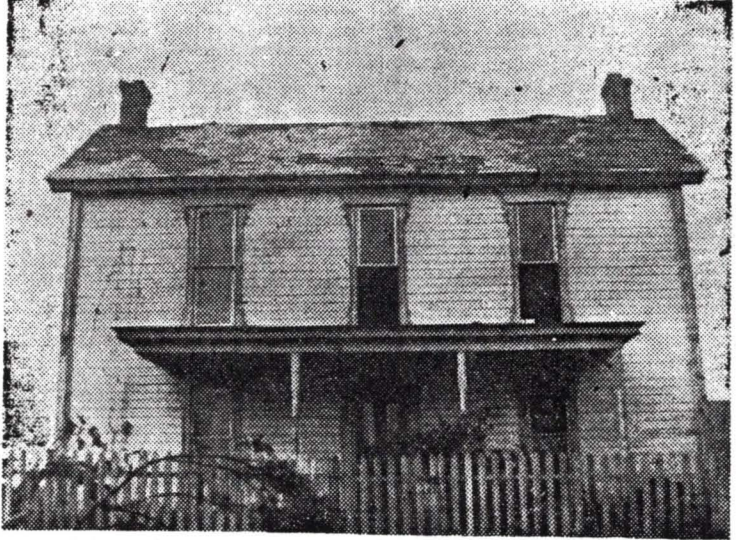


The above picture shows two automobiles that were wrecked in the tornado June 23, when the garage was blown down along with the large barn, sheep house, chicken house and part of the roof from the residence on the Raymond Kimble farm Mt. Hope Ridge, Independence Township. Their orchard was demolished, two cows killed. A sow and pigs and other live stock are missing.



What is left of the Ewing S. Wilson barn on Mt. Hope Ridge, Independence Township, after the hurricane of June 23, is shown above. The hay stacks were salvaged from the destroyed barn. Wilson, who was in the barn milking when the crash came, had a narrow escape and crawled from under heavy timbers which toppled about him. One horse and cow were killed.

Martin's Birthplace Damaged



The birthplace of Governor Edward Martin, in Greene County near the Washington County line, was badly damaged by the cyclone of June 23. The picture shows most of the shingles gone from the roof, windows broken, the evergreen tree in the yard lying on the ground behind the fence, shrubbery destroyed, and the electric wires torn from the wall. The house was so badly damaged that the family of H. M. Baily, which lived there, was compelled to move.

Section Struck By a Small Twister, Hard Rain, Saturday

A young "twister" swept through the West Alexander and Claysville section last Saturday night, causing some damage to trees and buildings in its path. Residents stated that while they were not able to tell accurately because of the darkness, it must have been a "twister" and was about 100 yards in width.

The storm struck at Atkinson's Crossing, south of West Alexander about 9:00 p. m., and unroofed a barn and uprooted trees on the D. W. Coffield farm. Stacks of hay and trees were blown over on the George T. Amend farm, crops were also damaged on the D. G. Atkinson farm. To the north of West Alexander a number of trees in an orchard on the Mounts farm were blown down. A straw shed on the Gordon Brothers farm was blown down, as well as crops being scattered and damage done to the orchard.

East of Claysville a number of trees on the George A. Campsey farm were uprooted; the house of James Elliott is reported to have been moved several inches on its foundation; at Herbert Messenger's just next door, corn shocks were blown away and roof of a hay shed was torn off. No estimate of the damage done anywhere has been reported.

Hickory To Crown May Queen In Memorial Day Program

HICKORY, May 22.—The people of Hickory and vicinity and students of Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School will hold their annual Memorial Day program on Tuesday, May 30, with a program at 10 a. m. in the school auditorium, and the annual May Day pageant at 6 p. m. on the school athletic field.

Miss Mildred Zakulu, member of the senior class and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zakulu, of Cross Creek Township, Burgettstown, R. D. 4, will be crowned May Queen.

At the Memorial Day service, in the morning, a sun dial will be presented to the school district in behalf of the Class of 1943, and will be dedicated to the memory of A. C. Stamy, who before his death was principal of the high school.

The program for the morning service follows:

Presentation of colors — Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Hickory; "Star Spangled Banner" — Audience.

Flag salute—Audience.
Invocation—Rev. C. S. Thomas.
Patriotic selection—Band.

Presentation of Sun Dial to the Mt. Pleasant Township School District in behalf of the Class of 1943—Evelyn Phillips.

Acceptance of the Sun Dial in behalf of the School District—G. E. Baker.

Dedication of the Sun Dial to the memory of A. C. Stamy—Rev. C. S. Thomas.

Vocal solo, "Prayer Perfect,"—Mrs. M. Reed Welch, Barbara Peters, accompanist.

Presentation of Honor Roll for the teachers and graduates of Mt. Pleasant Township—Wendell Hoop.

Dedication of Honor Roll—Rev. C. S. Thomas.

Presentation of Gold Star Certificates—American Legion of Burgettstown.

Patriotic selection—Band.

Memorial address—Rev. Joseph Hopkins.

"America"—Audience.

Benediction—Rev. C. S. Thomas.



MILDRED ZAKULU

ELMER ELSWORTH HOOP

Elmer Elsworth Hoop, of New Salem, Pa., father of Capt. E. P. Hoop, of the Army Air Forces, Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., Washington dentist, died Wednesday, May 31, 1944 at 12 o'clock noon, in his home at New Salem.

Son of George W. and Susanna Lyons Hoop, he was born Jan. 2, 1865, in Champion. His father was a Civil War Veteran, who served with the 206th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company K.

Mr. Hoop was a member of the New Salem Christian Church and also belonged to the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

A former Vanderbilt and Uniontown business man, Mr. Hoop moved to New Salem in July 1909 and continued in the meat and grocery business until his retirement in 1930. He was united in marriage with Julia Ann Farr, of Smithfield, Dec. 8, 1892 and to that union six children were born.

Surviving are two daughters, Valeria, wife of the Rev. I. Clifford Bucy, pastor of the First Christian Church of Moundsville, W. Va.; and Frances E. a teacher in Menallen Township Schools at Keisterville; four sons, Dr. George H. Hoop, of Hickory; Dr. Thomas J. Hoop, of Donora, Capt. E. P. Hoop, of Washington and Robert E. Hoop of Adah; one sister, Mrs. Hayes Gerhart, Donegal; and one brother, Simon H. Hoop, Connellsville. Fifteen grandchildren also survive.

HENRY CLAY CROW

Henry Clay Crow, 77, died Sunday, May 14, at 2:40 a. m. in his home at Avella as the result of a stroke suffered two weeks ago.

Mr. Crow, a son of George and Margaret Sims Crow, was born November 26, 1867, seven miles west of Claysville in the Buffalo Creek section and followed farming until 1893 when he moved to Avella.

After moving to Avella, Mr. Crow followed coal mining, operating mines on the Morrison and Brown properties near Avella until 1912. He then was employed by the Avella Lumber & Supply Company until his retirement in 1933.

Mr. Crow was a member of the Avella Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Morriss Crow; a son, Alvie, of Weirton, W. Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Etta Fithen, Carnegie; Mrs. Ada Andrews, Steubenville, O., and Mrs. Margaret Ender, Bentlyville; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CHARLES EDWARD ALDERSON

Charles Edward Alderson, 58, Midland Road, Houston, died Saturday, June 10, 1944, at his home at 7:30 a. m., of a heart ailment. Mr. Alderson had been ill for the past seven years. He was a retail merchant and owner of the Alderson Store.

He was born at Gastonville, Jan. 6, 1886, a son of Thomas and Clara M. Kenzler Alderson.

He had resided in Houston for 17 years, previously living in Avella. He was a member of the Baptist Church and had been a member of Knights of Pythias Canon Lodge for 25 years.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Clara Kenzler Alderson, Midland Road, Houston; a grandson, Kenneth David Alderson; nine brothers, Joseph and Harry, Cansburg; Arthur, Miller Plan, Cansburg; Wesley, Hickory; Bert and Thomas, Houston; Ralph, Frank and David, Midland Road, Houston; two sisters, Mrs. William Bird, of Midland Road, Houston and Mrs. A. C. Elkins, of Newall, W. Va.

MILTON CARLISLE

Milton Carlisle, 85, a native of Washington County, died suddenly Saturday, June 5, at his home at Norwich, Ohio.

Mr. Carlisle, the last of a family of eight children, was the youngest son of John and Eliza Carlisle and was born at Cherry Valley on January 20, 1859.

After his marriage to Anna Ewing 60 years ago, he moved to Ohio where he followed farming. He was a member of the Norwich Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Emma, Norwich, O., and Mary, Cambridge, O. His wife died December 25, 1943.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH CLOSE

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Close, 53, wife of Oliver Close, of Shady avenue, Burgettstown, died suddenly Sunday, May 21, 1944, at 7:45 a. m., in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, where she had been a patient for only several days. Death was due to a heart condition.

A daughter of the late D. C. and Sarah Vogle Miller, Mrs. Close was born March 22, 1891, near Hickory, Washington County. She was a member of the Westmister Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown.

She was married in January, 1924, to Oliver Close. To this union was born one son, he having died in infancy.

Mrs. Close is survived by her husband and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. James Caldwell, Hickory; Mrs. George Booth, Valley Park, Mo.; Florence Miller, Houston; David, William and Everett Miller, all of Hickory; Robert Miller, of Wrightsville; Mrs. Percy Lydick, of Washington, and Mrs. Hugh Wilson, of Burgettstown.

CLARENCE HERBERT FRYE

Clarence Herbert Frye, 50, died Saturday, May 20, 1944, at 7 p. m., at his home 356 Dewey avenue, following an illness of 10 months.

Mr. Frye had resided in Washington for the past 20 years and was last employed at the Hazel-Atlas Glass Co., plant No. 1.

He was born Sept. 28, 1893, son of the late Albert and Mary Gilmore Frye. Mr. Frye was a member of the First Baptist Church of Washington.

He is survived by his wife Lucretia Dinch Frye; two daughters, Virginia Frye and Mrs. Olive McKahan, at home; four sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Beddow, of Wolfdale, Mrs. Elsie Meyers and Mrs. Rose Jones, of Washington, Mrs. Lena Klaugus, of Beaver County; four brothers, Thomas, John and James, of Washington and Edward, of Muse.

MISS ELIZABETH MURCHLAND

Miss Elizabeth Murchland, 88, of McDonald, died Sunday, June 18, at 9 a. m.

Daughter of John H. and Sarah Ann Deaver Murchland, she was born Feb. 5, 1856, near Eldersville.

Miss Murchland lived in the Eldersville vicinity until 50 years ago when she moved to McDonald where for many years she and a sister engaged in the millinery business in their home. They retired a number of years ago.

Miss Murchland was a member of the Bethel Methodist Church near Eldersville until moving to McDonald when she united with the Farst Presbyterian Church, McDonald.

Surviving are six nieces, Mrs. D. C. Brown, McDonald; Mrs. J. E. Campbell, Mary Cooper, and Artie Moore, all of Axella; Monta Moore, R. D. 2, Avella; and Grace and Blanche Moore, of Iowa; and two nephews, John Murchland, in Iowa; and Floyd Murchland, Burgettstown, R. D.

McAllister-Replogle Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Replogle, of Roaring Springs, announce the marriage of their daughter Clara E. to Willard T. McAllister, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McAllister, of McDonald, R. D. 4.

The ceremony was performed June 8 at 3:45 p. m. in the parsonage of the Presbyterian Church of Frederick, Md. The Rev. Merveal Weaver performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a dress-maker suit of poudre blue with white accessories. Her corsage was of American Beauty roses.

Mrs. McAllister is a graduate of Woodbury High School in the class of 1938. Mr. McAllister was graduated from Mt. Pleasant Vocational High School in 1938 and Pennsylvania State College in 1942. For the past two years he has been teaching vocational agriculture in the Woodbury High School, Bedford County. He is awaiting call to active duty with the Navy.

Following the wedding the couple left for a wedding trip to Washington, D. C. and Atlantic City. They will reside at Roaring Springs.

Kraeer-Seal Wedding

Hilda L. Seal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Seal, Washington, R. D. 2, became the bride of Samuel M. Kraeer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Kraeer, of Cross Creek, Thursday evening, June 22, at 8 o'clock. The bridegroom recently received an honorable discharge from the Marines Corps.

The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. William H. Fields at his residence in Wheeling, W. Va. The Rev. Mr. Fields was officiating minister at the marriage of the bride's parents. At that time the Rev. Mr. Fields, who is now retired, was pastor of the Christian Church.

Attending the couple were the bride's parents and her brother, Stanley Seal and a cousin Elaine Wright.

The bride was dressed in a pink ensemble with white accessories. She wore a corsage of yellow roses and baby's breath.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraeer left for a short wedding trip and will reside upon their return on East Beau street extension.

June Bride



The former Hilda L. Seal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Seal, Washington, R. D. 2, was married June 22 to Samuel M. Kraeer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Kraeer, of Cross Creek. The ceremony was performed in Wheeling.

Dorsets Bring Top Average At Virginia Sale

Ten head of Dorset sheep sold for the highest average at the famous Staunton, Va., sale which was conducted Wednesday of this week and attracted breeders from 14 states.

The Dorsets were collected in

Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York by J. Raymond Henderson, Hickory, secretary of the Dorset Continental Club and fitted by him for the sale.

Two ram lambs brought \$170 and \$185 and yearling rams \$375 and \$285, the latter animal being entered by Mr. Henderson from his well known flock.

Six Dorset ewes were sold, the top price being \$200 and the lowest \$150.

The average for the Dorsets, highest in the sale, was \$205. Other breeds sold were Hampshires, Shropshires and Southdowns.

The prices brought by the Dorsets were remarkable considering

it was first year the breed has been offered at the sale, one of the most famous in the South.

Fatally Injured In Plant Mishap

George Butcher, Jr., Killed In Accident At Langeloth

LANGELOTH, June 14.—George Butcher, Jr., 27, of Erie street, Burgettstown, was fatally injured in an accident at the American Zinc and Chemical Company plant here this morning, it was reported by Coroner M. J. Sweeney.

According to the coroner's report, Butcher, a yard man, was riding on the front end of a mine-car train which is operated by an electric motor. As the train came out of an underpass, it is believed that the victim attempted to jump off to throw a switch and that he caught his trousers on a coupling pin, throwing him under the first car.

Geno Mucci, of Avella, the motor-man, was the only employe near the scene of the mishap and he failed to see what actually happened as he was watching to see that the train negotiated the switch properly. When he turned around and failed to see Butcher, he stopped the train immediately and found the victim under the truck of the first car, Coroner Sweeney stated.

Fellow employes were summoned and rushed the victim to the plant hospital where he died at 8:45 a. m., 40 minutes after the accident occurred. Coroner Sweeney said Butcher's right arm was severed above the elbow and that he sustained a crushed chest and head injuries.

Because of the fact that there were no witnesses to the fatality, Coroner Sweeney said it was im-

probable that an inquest will be held.

George Butcher, Jr., was born near Cedar Grove, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Butcher, Sr. He was a life-long resident of Washington County.

He is survived by his wife and one child of Burgettstown; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Butcher, Sr., of Rea, R. D. 1, and a brother in the service at San Francisco, Cal.

Newton-Kharas Wedding

On June 14 at 9 p. m. Miss Roberta Kharas, of San Antonio, Tex., daughter of Mrs. Nellie Kharas, of Cross Creek, became the bride of Lt. Earl B. Newton, of Del Rio, Tex. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John C. Ball of the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., at his home. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served in the Rainbow Room of the Hamilton Hotel.

The bride wore a white gabardine suit with matching accessories. Her corsage was a white orchid. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Thomas M. Leyland, of Dallas, Tex.

Lieutenant Newton was attended by Lt. William T. Owens, of Dixon, Ill.

Mrs. Newton is a graduate of Burgettstown High School and attended Slippery Rock State Teachers College. For the past 20 months she has been employed at Kelly Field, Tex., as a secretary. Lieut. Newton is stationed for the present in Washington, D. C. He attended the University of Texas.

For the present the couple will reside at 1711 33rd Place, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Miss Rita Castner, formerly of Burgettstown, and Lt. Edwin Milliron, of Buffalo, N. Y., were guests at the wedding.

Lightning Strikes Twice At Hickory

Baby Uninjured When Radio Near Bed Is Destroyed

HICKORY, June 16.—Two houses were struck by lightning, several hundred dollars of damage was done by the lightning and fire it caused, and a baby escaped injury though the lightning destroyed a radio close to the bed in which he was sleeping, in a severe wind and electric storm which struck this village about 3 o'clock today.

Lightning followed electric wires into the home of Raymond Livingood, destroyed the radio, set fire to the curtains, and burned up a rug. Jerry Livingood, aged about a year and a half, was sleeping in his bed, near the radio, but was unharmed.

The chimney was struck at the home of Elmer Carlisle. The lightning did considerable damage to the chimney, damaged an asbestos shingle roof and destroyed the plaster in two rooms and the second floor hall. There was no fire.

Neighbors extinguished the fire in the Livingood home.

Damage to the two residences was reported as several hundred dollars.

Other damage here was limited to the uprooting of an old cherry tree, said to be already dying. The cherries are ripe, however, and will now be easy to pick.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. George Butcher, Jr., of Burgettstown, Thursday, June 1, 1944, a daughter, Sandra Lee.

Lawrence Sutherland, New Assistant Supt. of Schools

J. L. Roberts, superintendent of schools of Washington County, announced the appointment of Lawrence R. Sutherland, of 715 Allison avenue, Washington, as assistant superintendent, to fill the vacancy left when Mr. Roberts was named county superintendent to succeed Stanley A. Wengert, resigned. Mr. Sutherland's tenure of office will continue until the end of Mr. Roberts' present term.

Mr. Sutherland has been supervising principal of the schools of Canton Township for the last nine years, and has taught in that township since 1934.

Mr. Sutherland's birthplace is in West Finley Township, near the William Holmes McGuffey birthplace. He graduated in 1922 from Claysville High School, and began teaching in 1923, teaching in Hopewell Township during the 1923-24 school year. He taught in Independence Township in 1924-25; West Finley Township 1925-1929; Blaine Township 1932-34, and Canton Township since 1934.

From 1929 to 1932 he attended California State Teachers College, graduating in 1932 and returning to the classroom that year. In 1940 he received a degree of master of education from Pennsylvania State College.

His appointment has already been approved by the County Board of School Directors.

*Lawrence Sutherland
retired from Co. Supt.
office on July 1, 1968
He was elected
President of the
Pennsylvania
Sons of American
Revolution in
1979.*

Injuries Fatal To District Man

8-23-44

Joseph Martinelli, Cedar Grove, Dies In Local Hospital

Injuries suffered in an affray at Cedar Grove Saturday night proved fatal to Joseph Martinelli, 49, of Cedar Grove, Tuesday morning at 10:15 o'clock at the Washington Hospital.

State Police, who investigated the case, stated that Martinelli's head struck the sidewalk when he was knocked down in front of Caleffe's Tavern. Hospital attendants said death resulted from a fractured skull. He failed to regain consciousness after the accident.

John Cruny, Jr., 24, of Cedar Grove, who officers believe was the assailant, has been arrested and will be arraigned today before Alderman Morgan McClelland on a manslaughter charge. An inquest will be held at a date to be set by Coroner M. J. Sweeney.

Joseph Martinelli, a World War I veteran, was prominently known in the Cedar Grove district. Born in Johnstown, November 11, 1894, he had resided in this county for 32 years. He was a coal miner by occupation and was employed by

the Jefferson Coal Company, Hanlin Station, at the time of his death.

Mr. Martinelli was a member of the Bert C. Siders Post, American Legion, Avella, and the St. Michael's R. C. Church, Avella.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Joseph, Jr., at home; his mother, Mrs. Adeline Martinelli, Rea, R. D. 1; one sister, Mrs. James Sutherland, Rea, R. D. 1, and three brothers: Victor, Merle and Arthur, all of Rea, R. D. 1.

Cedar Grove Man Critically Hurt

State Police reported a fist fight at Cedar Grove late Saturday night resulted in serious injury to Joseph Martinelli, 49, and the arrest of John Cruny, Jr., 24, both of Cedar Grove.

Martinelli, his skull fractured, apparently when his head struck the pavement when he was felled in front of Caleffe's Tavern, according to officers, was still unconscious in Washington Hospital early this morning and attaches described his condition as critical.

Police charged Cruny with assault and battery in information made before Alderman Morgan McClelland. Cruny was committed to the County Jail for a hearing at a later date.

New Church On Exact Site Of One Razed By Tornado

1944

WAYNESBURG, Sept. 25.—The new house of worship of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Castile, to be dedicated Sunday, is built upon the exact location of the one that was destroyed in the tornado of June 23, 1944.

The church is built of brick, and is 36 feet wide and 48 feet long. The seating capacity of the auditorium and adjacent Sunday School rooms is about 200, and it is expected that the church will be overflowing for the dedication services Sunday, Sept. 29. However, a public address system will be employed in order that the program may be heard by all.

The three services for Sunday will run on Eastern Standard Time, the morning service at 9:30, the afternoon service at 2, and the evening service at 8 o'clock.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church was organized in 1874, and delegates from the Bethlehem, East Bethlehem, North Ten Mile and Jefferson Baptist churches met with organizers of the church to assist in drawing up an "Article of

Faith." Church officers were elected April 18, 1874, and the first pastor was the Rev. C. F. Tilton, who served for six years. Twenty-seven pastors have ministered to the church since its beginning.

The new church contains a modern basement, divided into furnace room, kitchen and dining room, and two large rest rooms. It has a hot air furnace, which may burn either coal or gas. An electric line has just been completed to the church, which is wired for electricity.

A beautiful stone, bearing the name of the church and the date of dedication, will be set in place near the front door at a formal ceremony Sunday afternoon. Within the stone will be sealed the church history, the story of the destruction by the tornado, and other pertinent facts. This stone was presented by the Rev. John C. Myers, of Ellwood City, a former pastor of the church, who will be the speaker at the Sunday evening service.

Six Children Safe In Midst Of Razed Home

Miraculous Sloping Barricade Provides Shelter In Tornado

While stories of the escape from death or injury of many persons during the tornado that swept through Washington and Greene Counties on the evening of June 23, have come to light during the past week, none appear more miraculous or breath-catching than that of the six of the eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. George Doman, who live on the Albert Sickle farm, 14 miles west of Washington in Blaine Township. This farm, located on Buffalo Creek near the Y. M. C. A. camp that was destroyed, was directly in the path of the twister.

Mr. Doman, who is employed in a local manufacturing plant, was at work at the time. Mrs. Doman had come to Washington to purchase groceries and other supplies, and was prevented from returning until after the storm. Six children, ranging in age from a girl of nine years to a baby of four months, were left at home, the older children being away from home at the time.

The house is a two-story brick that stands on a level spot a short distance above Buffalo Creek.

After the twister had passed, Elias Lindley, who lives about half a mile away and who knew that the children were alone at the house, hastened to the farm to learn what had happened. As he hurried to the spot where the house stood he was greeted by a sight he will never forget.

The two-story brick house was practically demolished, a pile of rubble. One room of the first story appeared to be all that remained. Hastily he began searching the ruins, fearful that he would find

only the bodies of the children, if he found them at all.

Falling timbers from the story above had caught on a large corner cupboard in this one room and had formed a sloping barricade that had provided sufficient protection from falling brick and timbers.

As Mr. Lindley crawled through the mass of debris he was greeted by another sight that will live in his memory.

Huddled under this slight barricade he found six frightened but uninjured children huddled together. In their midst was the nine-year-old girl, who was mothering her brothers and sisters, sitting in a rocking chair with the baby in her arms, rocking it to sleep.

How they escaped is a mystery, for not one of those six children was injured. One of them had been blown into the cupboard, but was not hurt. Had they sought refuge in any other part of the house they would probably have been all killed. Everything in the house had been carried off by the storm—furniture, bed clothing, clothing for the children, all gone except the rocking chair, and the entire family is homeless and in destitute circumstances.

The house stood on the site of the frontier fort erected in pioneer times by Colonel David Williamson as a place of refuge during times of Indian raids, which occurred frequently in Western Washington County during the 1770's and 1780's.

This fort, known as Williamson's Station, was built by Colonel Williamson on his farm when he settled there about 1776. The fort consisted of a triple cabin and springhouse.

The cabin may have been surrounded by a stockade, but it was erected blockhouse style with loopholes. Part of this cabin was standing in 1881, and the ruins of the walls of the springhouse were still standing several feet high as late as 1922. The spot is marked by a giant oak tree that was old when the first white man set foot in Washington County, which stands just beside the site of the springhouse, while the clear, cold water from the spring that gushes out of the hillside, is still used,

just as in the days of David Williamson.

Colonel Williamson was a brave man and one of the most noted Indian fighters of his time. He was second in command of the Crawford Expedition which met disaster in battle with the Indians and British on the Plains of Sandusky in June, 1782, and after Colonel William Crawford, the leader, was captured, Williamson led the army in one of the most masterly retreats in frontier history.

Only his leadership and military ability saved the army from what might have been annihilation at the hands of the Indians after the battle of Sandusky. Colonel Crawford was burned at the stake.

Several hundred Washington County men were in that expedition, and in recognition of Williamson's leadership he was three times elected Sheriff of Washington County. He is buried in an unknown grave in the old Washington Graveyard in West Spruce avenue.

Reads Of Tornado In German Prison

WAYNESBURG, Oct. 17—In a recent letter received by Mrs. Fred High of West High street, from her son, Lt. Fred A. High, he writes in part as follows:

12 July, 1944

"Dearest Mother:

"This is my first letter this month, thus I have quite a lot to tell. We had a big celebration here on the Fourth including an all day sports program and a show in the evening. Also a very welcome current U. S. movie. Saw the home town in print last week. We have a camp newspaper and it had an item in it about the big wind storm you had in June. It mentioned several others towns and told what damage had been done. That is rather unusual for our neighborhood, isn't it? We have our own theater and have some kind of a program each evening."

Although Lt. High was taken prisoner May 19, his prison address was not known until the last of July and since most of the time it takes letters between two and three months to reach their destination, he is probably just now beginning to get letters from home or from the States, although the last word received from him was a card dated Aug. 24, which came through very soon.

Congregation Decides To Erect Modern Structure

Gifts And Offers From Friends Give Members Heart

WAYNESBURG, July 2.—Members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, at a congregational business meeting held at Winnett Chapel Methodist Church, decided to rebuild their church, which was demolished in the tornado of June 23.

All details were not fully decided, but it was the consensus of those members present that the new church should be built on the old foundation and should be a brick structure. It was said that by building of brick most of the old brick could be used in the walls, and it would probably be necessary to buy new brick only for facing.

The general sentiment was also for building a church with a basement and furnace, which were not in the old church, and that the new structure should be more modern. The old church, about 80 years old, had been remodeled only once in its four score years.

The Mt. Zion Sunday School was held today in the Winnett Chapel Church, jointly with the Methodist Sunday School, and the collection from the two schools was put into the building fund for the Mt. Zion Church.

The congregation has been much heartened by offers of help from outside people and by donations already received.

A box was placed on the ruins of the church, and people who visited the site to view the damage have thrown more than \$300 into the box.

Other donations from individuals, including gifts by mail, have raised the fund to over \$500, and last Friday night the Bates Fork Baptist Church took action to donate \$200.

Tornado Strikes In Ohio Valley; Minor Damage

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 7.—(UP)—A small tornado swept through the Ohio River Valley between Pittsburgh and the Ohio state line last night, covering a part of the same area hit by one of five larger tornados last June.

The small twister, accompanied by rain, did some damage to garages, trees, billboards and a few homes, but was not comparable to the five larger ones of last June that hit four states simultaneously traveling 40 miles apart, taking over 150 lives and causing some \$5,000,000 damage in the Tri-State area and a part of Maryland.

Police at Beaver Falls, Beaver and Midland, said they witnessed the storm and described it as a whirling black cloud that had assumed a funnel shape. The storm apparently blew itself out before reaching Pittsburgh.

"It was like a bunch of black steam in a funnel shape," Patrolman Donald Musser, of Beaver, said in describing the storm. "It came slowly, roaring like an express train. I saw pieces of trees five feet long flying through the air."

Although the exact path of the tornado has not been determined, reports indicate that it started near Ohiovew at the Pennsylvania-Ohio state line and whirled its way 18 miles along the Ohio River to Monaca Heights, after which it blew itself out.

Cleanup Day In Cyclone Area To Be August 14

Active Committee Lining Up Workers For Five Districts

WAYNESBURG, Aug. 4—The committee to arrange for volunteers to work in the cyclone area on Cleanup Day, Aug. 14, has been named, and is busy lining up workers. The members hope to secure 1,000 men to go to the stricken farms on that day.

The "C-Day" committee is committee is composed of the executive committee of the Greene County Agricultural Extension Association and the Emergency Farm Labor Office committee.

Each committeeman is lining up volunteers in his own community. Each farmer who has work to be done, if he has not already been contacted by the Emergency Farm Labor Office, is asked to contact the office at once. He is also asked to have an outline of the work he needs done, so that it can be planned and handled promptly.

County Agent Ellwood H. Fulton, of Washington County, is arranging for a number of volunteers to work on the Washington County side, near where Route 19 crosses the county line on the Dividing Ridge.

The work has generally been divided into five districts—First, the territory in Cumberland Township, near Carmichaels; second, the territory from Dry Tavern to Chartiers; third, the territory about the crossroads on Castile Run, where the Bacon Street road connects with the Castile Run road; fourth, the territory about Mt. Zion, and fifth, the territory between Route 19 on the Dividing Ridge and the Mt. Zion section.

The men in charge of recruiting volunteers are Allen Iams, Fred Lightner, Burton Bayard, Donald Minor, Clarence Grimes, Jud Orndoff, Carl M. Biddle, James Rice, Lester M. Hughes, Noah L. Haines, Ray Strosnider, William T. Kent, Wayne Keener, O. S. Patterson, Ernest Yeager, John H. Blair, Jr., Elmer Dinsmore, George Ullom, John B. Harry, G. E. P. Graham, John Kent, Forney Gapen, James Watson, Harold K. Bell, Julius Biery, Jr., Harley Swart and Carter Andrews.

Glen Arnold, emergency farm labor assistant, reports that much work is being done all along the route of the cyclone. Neighbors on the outskirts are helping their neighbors who are worst hit, and though without any organized effort, much is being accomplished.

No Hospital Bills To Be Paid By Those Injured In Tornado

WAYNESBURG, Sept. 8.—Hospital bills of victims of the tornado which swept through Greene County last June 23 have not and will not be presented to the unfortunate victims of the disaster, it was said today in a statement issued by the hospital through the hospital manager, J. Thomas Lindberg.

The statement was issued to the residents of Chartiers and vicinity, where the tornado struck heaviest, and was made in order to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the matter on the part of the victims of the disaster or the public generally.

As issued by Mr. Lindberg, the statement is as follows:

"To the People of Chartiers and Vicinity:

"In order to avoid any misunderstanding in regard to the payment

of the hospital bills of the tornado victims in your community, may we state that the Greene County Memorial Hospital has presented no bills to any of these patients nor to any of the relief agencies connected with the disaster and has no intentions of doing so.

"The entire cost of the care of these victims was absorbed by the Greene County Memorial Hospital. A portion of the hospital's loss was taken care of by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through our regular State appropriation.

"The board of managers of the Hospital at their regular meeting on July 15th, 1944, voted to accept the loss and instructed the superintendent not to bill any of the people who were so unfortunate to have been injured in this terrible disaster."

Page Of Bible With Whirlwind Reference Found At Chartiers

JEFFERSON, July 2.—Wanda Davis, of Belle Vernon, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, of Jefferson, while visiting the cyclone ruin at Chartiers, found sticking in the grill of a wrecked automobile a leaf torn from a Bible.

Examination showed the leaf contained the 38th chapter of Job, which begins: "Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind."

Five Tornadoes Swept Through Area June 23

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 4.—Five tornadoes, instead of one, struck this district June 23, bringing death to 153 persons and property damage of \$5,000,000, according to an official report issued today by Meteorologist William Brotzman of the Pittsburgh Weather Bureau.

All five moved in nearly parallel paths from northwest to southeast, about 35 miles apart flattening everything on a 500 to 1,000-foot path with some damage over a swath two to four miles wide. The four major tornadoes occurred simultaneously, between 6:30 and 9:30 p. m., with the fifth, two hours later, around Thomas, W. Va.

The first disturbance was noted at Ravenna, O. This developed into the tornado that caused major damage over the 50-mile stretch from Pittsburgh to Somerset, and swept as far as Cambridge, Md. Farther north the storm path ran

25 miles from Rural Valley to Twin Rocks. South, a third tornado swept from Wellsburg, W. Va., about 80 miles to Deer Park, Md.; and a fourth took a 40-mile path from Shinnston, W. Va., to the mountains southeast of Montrose, W. Va.

The major damage and loss of life occurred at Shinnston, Flemington, Meadowville, Montrose and Thomas, W. Va.; at Oakland, Md., Smithfield, Pa.—these being the only sizeable towns in the tornadoes' paths. However, broken twisted and uprooted trees and occasional farmhouses and barns totally demolished proved that the storms were destructive wherever they touched. In West Virginia, 103 persons were killed. 45 in Western Pennsylvania and five in Maryland.

Rural districts of Washington (Continued on Page 4, Column 2)

and Greene Counties were hard hit, with 22 deaths in Greene and four in Washington. Many homes and buildings were destroyed.

Terrific noise in addition to lightning and thunder accompanied the tornadoes at all times, with varying amounts of rain but no hail. Their speed evidently varied from 30 to 40 miles an hour, reported by an airplane pilot to reach 200 miles at an altitude of 3,000 feet. They seemed to dissipate high in the Allegheny mountains.

The cloud formations were observed boiling and very turbulent, with ceiling from 0 to 600 feet decreasing toward the mountains and above the funnels colored greenish to yellowish black. The funnel clouds, observed only at certain places, varied in width from 10 to 100 feet at the base, from one-half to two miles at the top. In color they appeared black at the base, shading into white, higher. Their speed varied and sometimes they were seen to vanish, then reappear.

Vanmatre Home Destroyed



Greene County's oldest stone house was destroyed in the cyclone which some days ago swept Castile, Chartiers and Dry Tavern in Greene County. The house was the Henry Vanmatre, or Van Meter home, built before 1800, of sandstone quarried within 100 yards of its site. It was more than once used as a fort by colonists attacked by Indians, and its gables bore loopholes from which the settlers shot at the foe. It stood on land patented in 1865 to Henry Vanmatre, the patent being signed by Benjamin Franklin as president of the Supreme Council. Mr. Vanmatre was one of the leading and wealthiest citizens of the county, and his daughters wore calico for church and state occasions. This calico came from England and cost \$1 a yard. The house was a gathering place for the settlers and many prominent men visited the home, among them being Aaron Burr.

Many At Work In Tornado Areas

Cleanup Project In District Off To Good Start

Note: Pictures of rehabilitation work in the storm area appear on Page 11.

Fully 500 men turned out yesterday to participate in the first day of a two-day cleanup campaign in the tornado-devastated areas of Washington and Greene Counties, assisting stricken farmers with the rehabilitation of their properties.

The project will be continued today in all sections affected by the June 23 storm, with similar work schedules to be carried out and "plenty of work" for all volunteers reporting.

Those in charge of the cleanup program stated all sections of the county were represented by the turnout of volunteers yesterday and that "real progress" was made on most of the farms.

"There still is a tremendous amount of work to be done," states County Agent Ellwood H. Fulton. The need for continued help with the rehabilitation program will be

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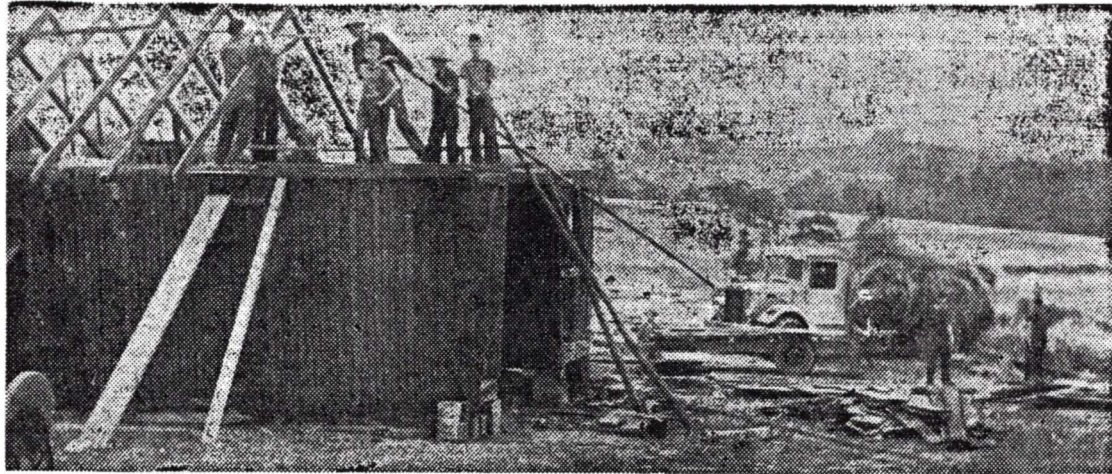
Group Of Grangers On The Job



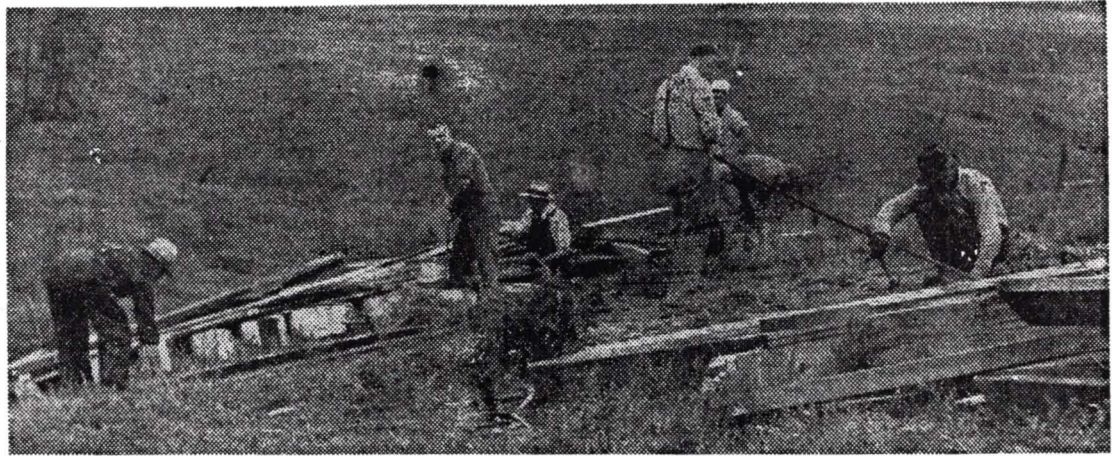
Pictured here is a group of prominent Grangers and others who took a minute off from their toil on the Kimble farm to pose for the cameraman. Front row, left to right, are Cecil Kennedy, Thomas J. Walker, Pomona Grange Master; C. H. Russell, J. L. Hagar and Blaine A. Beeghly, Vo-Ag instructor at Trinity High; back row, Ralph Martin, S. J. T. Hough and Lace Craft.

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Typical Scenes As Workers Toiled In Storm Area



One of the typical scenes of barn reconstruction in the storm area is shown here, with volunteers, including 'teen-age helpers, at work on the Lowry farm. Note truck loaded with recently harvested hay.



Volunteers here are busily engaged in the task of cleaning up debris and cutting lumber on the Moore farm, Independence Township. This was a task that was general throughout the district.

Trousers Of Man Killed In Storm Found 30 Miles Away

A pair of trousers belonging to A. Hensley Keenan of Independence Township, who lost his life in the tornado that swept away his home and all buildings on his farm Friday evening, June 23, were found in Deemston Borough, more than 30 miles away.

Lindsay P. Gillis who resides on the Jess Miller farm in Deemston, was mowing a meadow and noticed the trousers in the grass with suspenders intact, except for some buttons.

In the pockets were found Keenan's check book on the Claysville National Bank and some receipts from the George B. Sprowls store of Claysville which made the identification complete.

The storm swept away the Keenan residence, two stables, coal house, spring house, garage and turkey house. Several sheep and three hogs were killed. Many pieces of cured meat were carried away with the smokehouse. Three hams were later found scattered

over the fields a long distance away. Eighty young and six old turkeys were killed. An oil drum on the farm was carried away and imbedded in a tree.

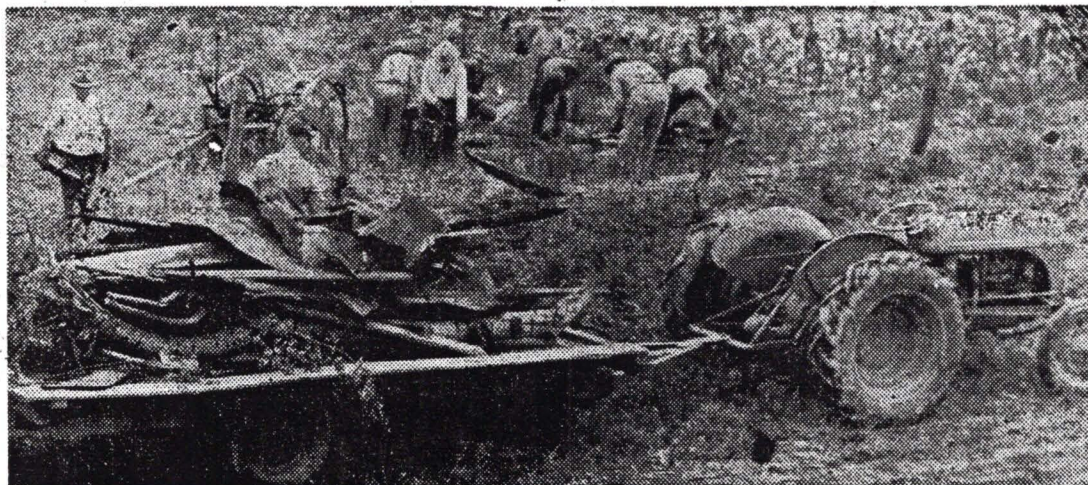
When the storm struck the Keenan farm, milking had just been finished and the cows turned into a pasture field. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan were en route to the house but were caught in the storm. Mr. Keenan insisted that Mrs. Keenan lie down on the ground and he walked about 10 feet further and was struck by some timbers and killed. Mrs. Keenan was covered by debris.

In the pockets of the trousers found in Deemston was the following letter from his sister Mrs. Cora Waite, Pomona, Calif., on which Mr. Keenan had written "very good": "You and I realize that we are living in a terrible world, that we are living in a deadly world, that we are living in

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On the job bright and early and working up a good appetite are these men, shown cutting timber and cleaning up wind-tossed debris on the Moore farm. Clearing fallen timber was a tremendous task in all sections.



Here is just one of the many loads of debris, ready to be hauled away on the Lowry farm. Clean-up progressed satisfactorily in all areas, but a tremendous amount of work remains, those in charge of the projects declared.

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Scores Of Volunteers Help Tornado Victims

Volunteers, 75 to 100 strong, spent yesterday helping victims of the tornado of June 23 in the Independence district yesterday and the force will be augmented today and tomorrow.

Friends and neighbors are rallying to the aid of the storm victims daily and organized groups will gather tonight and Independence Day for rehabilitation work on neighboring farms.

The Avella Volunteer Fire Department and citizens of the community will meet this evening at 6 p. m. at the Raymond Kimble and Ewing Wilson farms to assist in cleaning up work there. They plan to clear the fields of debris swept into the fields by the high winds so that work can be started

on new crops. They will salvage lumber from the buildings and in general do what rehabilitation work is possible.

David H. Williams, Avella, who is supervising the work in that vicinity asks that any volunteers who wish to help report to the two farms this evening. They are asked to take tools, especially hammers, hatchets, saws and wrecking bars and flat bottom trucks.

A group of men met in West Middletown last night to make plans to join the Avella group today at the Hope Ridge farms. They are asking for volunteers in the West Middletown vicinity to organize for cleaning up work and

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Church Donates To Tornado Sufferers

CLARKSVILLE, Sept. 17.—The Clarksville Christian Church gave the sum of \$150 to members of the church who suffered loss in the tornado of June 23. It also held three showers for members who lost their homes and possessions, and gave \$50 to the building fund of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which was destroyed by the tornado.

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Canonsburg Doctor Lieutenant Colonel

CANONSBURG, July 5. — Word has been received here of the promotion of Major Esten L. Hazlett, U. S. Army Medical Corps, to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Hazlett, one of the community's oldest war veterans in point of service in World War II, was the first Washington County doctor to be sent overseas.

He was commanding officer of Co. H, 103rd Medical Regiment of the National Guard when it was called into federal service. Before leaving the States he was located at Indiantown Gap, Camp Livingston, La., and Camp Blanding, Fla.

Colonel Hazlett left New York on July 1, 1942, for overseas duty and spent a year of that time in Iceland, later being transferred to England. He has been assigned to head one of the largest hospitals in England.

Recently he spent two days with his son, Pfc. William A. Hazlett, U. S. Army Air Force, who is stationed in England.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Close & Mary 26 1944

Fall From Roof Proves Fatal

Burgettstown Man Fractures Skull In Painting Accident

Oliver M. Close, 69, of Shady avenue, Burgettstown, died Sunday at 6:34 a. m. in the Washington Hospital from injuries received in a fall while painting the roof of the H. A. Goetz residence, Pittsburgh street, Burgettstown, Thursday afternoon. He sustained a fractured skull and never regained consciousness.

His death followed that of his wife, the late Elizabeth Miller Close, by exactly seven weeks to the hour.

Son of I. N. and Mary Close, he was born Sept. 29, 1875 in Jefferson County, O. Mr. Close had made his home in Burgettstown for 25 years. He was a member of the Tucker Methodist Church.

Surviving are four sisters: Mrs. A. S. Fleming, Burgettstown; Mrs. T. E. Malone, Corliss; and Mrs. R. V. Malone and Mrs. Clyde Forner both of Burgettstown.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Miller, of Hanlin Station, at the Ohio Valley Hospital, Steubenville, July 10, a son, William Floyd.

G. S. Campbell, Banker, Dies At Residence In McDonald

Graham St. Clair Campbell, 83, died Monday night at 11 o'clock, July 31, 1944, at his home, 129 Fourth street, McDonald, after an illness of about a year.

He was born September 14, 1860 in Mt. Pleasant Township. In 1884, he was married to Annie Foster who died in 1924. Six children were born to them, two of whom preceded the father in death.

Mr. Campbell was graduated from Engleside Academy, McDonald, in 1878.

Shortly afterward he operated a general store for J. D. Sauters for about three years following which time he started in the real estate and insurance business, and at the same time served as Justice of the Peace for approximately 10 years.

In 1892 at the time of the organization of the First National Bank at McDonald, he was elected cashier and served in this capacity to the time of his death. For 36 years he was treasurer of the borough of McDonald.

Active in church work, Mr. Campbell served for 50 years as Superintendent of the Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church, and also as Clerk of the Session

Surviving are the following children: George F. Campbell, Pittsburgh; A. V. Campbell, Miami, Fla.; the Rev. E. Fay Campbell,



G. S. CAMPBELL

D. D., Philadelphia; Fred H. Campbell, McDonald. The two sons who preceded him in death, James W. Campbell, who died in 1931, had been connected with the First National Bank at McDonald for 20 years; and H. Ross Campbell, who died in 1939 was in the oil and gasoline business in the Southwest for 30 years. One sister, survives, Mrs. Elida Baldwin, Crafton; also 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ISRAEL PROCTOR

Israel Proctor, 74, 128 East Walnut street, died Sunday, July 23, 1944, at 4:30 p. m., following an illness of a week. Death was due to complications resulting from his advanced age.

Mr. Proctor was a resident of West Middletown and spent his entire life there until moving to Washington two months ago where he made his home with his stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary Byrd.

He was born Nov. 10, 1870, in West Middletown, a son of the late Israel and Sarah Stewart Proctor.

Mr. Proctor was a member of the A. M. E. Church of West Middletown. In 1918 he was married to Lillian Mull who preceded him in death last month, June 26.

He is survived by his stepdaughter, Mrs. Byrd, and several nieces and nephews.

NICHOLAS NICKSICK

Nicholas Nicksick, 30, of Slovan, died suddenly of a heart attack, Wednesday, July 12, 1944.

A graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown, he was employed by the American Zinc & Chemical Company at Langeloth. He was born at Connellsville, October 5, 1913, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Nicksick.

Besides his parents, he leaves his wife, Lena Peneschi Nicksick; two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Spartage, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Michael Mergen, Tyler, Texas, and five brothers, George, Burgettstown; Dushan and Bagdan, both of Slovan; Lt. (jg) Michael, U. S. Navy, and Sgt. Theodore, Jr., U. S. Army.

Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery

Single Service Monday For Victims Of Crash

A single service for the four victims of Thursday night's tragic traffic accident on the Washington-Pittsburgh Road, at Clifton, Allegheny County, will be held in the A. Blaire Day Funeral Home here Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Perishing in the collision of their automobile with a trailer tractor outfit as they were returning from a day's visit with relatives in Meadville, were Warren Quay Porter, 55, and his wife, Beatrice M. Porter, 43, of 75 East Cherry avenue; Porter's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, 77, of 103 West Walnut street, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Porter, 54, of Locust avenue extension.

Friends will be received at the Day Funeral Home after noon today, until the time of the services, which will be conducted by the Rev. C. J. Chrimes, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Porter will be buried in Washington Cemetery, while the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Porter and Mrs. Fannie Porter will be taken at 2 p. m., Monday to the Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter leave no children. Mr. Porter, a truck driver for the Atlantic Refining Company, was born in Washington, a son of the late Scott and Elizabeth Miller Porter. His father died in 1910. Two brothers survive, Cline Porter, 1507 Federal street, Northside, Pittsburgh, and Lee Porter, Meadville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Porter were members of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Mrs. Beatrice Porter is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smalley, 57 East Chestnut street, City, and a sister, Dorothea, wife of Edward Levers, of Waynesburg.

Mrs. Elizabeth Porter was born in Greene County. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by two sons, Cline, of Pittsburgh, and Lee, of Meadville; two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Bedillion and Mrs. John M. Smalley, both of East Chestnut street; two brothers, Jesse A. Miller, 103 West Walnut street, and W. A. Miller, Burnsville; eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Fannie Porter was the widow of Perry Porter and had resided in Washington for the last 21 years. She was born September 28, 1890, in Greene County, a

daughter of the late Warren and Hester Anne Ashbrook Walker. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Knox, New Brighton, and Mrs. Viola Fullerton, Washington; two sons, Ralph, serving with the U. S. Army in England, and Duane, serving with the U. S. Air Corps, in Georgia; six sisters, Mrs. Jennie Briggs, Mrs. Wilma Naser, Mrs. Mary Schneider and Mrs. Romaine Mansfield, all of Washington; Mrs. Wilda Hixon, Burgettstown, and Mrs. Mildred Kerns, Newark, O.; four brothers, Harry Walker, Hickory; George and Albert Walker, both of Washington, and Sgt. Donald Walker, with the U. S. Army in England, and six grandchildren.

Allegheny County authorities yesterday continued an investigation into the crash. Meanwhile, they reported E. J. Guy, 42, of Etna, driver of the lead truck, and Robert L. Boglitch, 38, Northside, Pittsburgh, had posted \$1,000 bond each for a coroner's inquest.

Bristor-Spangler Wedding

Ida R. Spangler, Gettysburg, became the bride of J. Clarence Bristor, Dunns Station, at a ceremony performed Friday evening, July 21. The wedding was solemnized by the Rev. J. R. Hunt at the Presbyterian manse, Gettysburg.

Mr. Bristor is a rural letter carrier for R. D. 1, Dunns Station. The couple will reside at Dunns Station.

Hickory Man Admitted To Holstein Group

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., July 21.—J. R. Buchanan, Hickory, is one of 105 Pennsylvania Holstein breeders recently admitted to membership in the Holstein-Friesian Association of America by unanimous vote of the board of directors. The national Holstein association is the largest dairy cattle recording organization in the world. Its total membership now numbers more than 34,000 cattle breeders.

7-31-44 Sill-Manson Wedding

The marriage of Miss Janet Manson, daughter of Mrs. J. R. Manson, 88 Acheson avenue, to Theodore Winthrop Sill Jr., son of Mrs. Theodore Winthrop Sill, New York City, took place last Tuesday night in the Plymouth Congregational Church, Coconut Grove, Fla.

The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. Stackman, pastor of the church, before an embankment of palms and ferns flanked by standards of white gladioluses and tall gandelabra.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Folger Athearn, Miami, Fla., of Pan American Airways, wore a light blue afternoon dress with white accessories and carried a prayer book covered with an orchid.

Mrs. Edward Noyes, Miami, was the matron of honor and the bridesmaids were Mrs. Peggy Kail and Miss Jean Winter, both of Miami.

The matron of honor was attired in a dusty rose dress and wore a matching hat. Mrs. Kail wore a yellow dress with matching hat and Miss Winter chose turquoise for her ensemble.

Ned Dukehart, Miami, was best man for Mr. Sill and the ushers were Samuel K. George III and Gil Paul, both of Miami.

The mothers of the bride and bridegroom were attired in grey and they wore orchids.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Sill left by airplane for a wedding trip to Sea Island, Ga. On their return they will make their home in Miami.

The bride is a graduate of Washington Seminary Junior College. She has been employed as a secretary in the office of Captain James Walker, of PAA, a former County resident. Before going to Miami, Mrs. Sill was employed as secretary to General John Aiken here.

Mr. Sill is a navigator for PAA Africa Orient Section. He graduated from Kent School and attended Princeton University three years. He is a member of the Elm Club and Princeton Club of New York.

Curtis-Odisio Wedding

Thelma Odisio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Odisio, of Avella, became the bride of S/Sgt. John Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Curtis, also of Avella at a 3:15 o'clock service Tuesday afternoon in the Roman Catholic Church of Avella. Officiating was the Rev. Father, M. J. Hughes of the Immaculate Conception Church, Washington. The bride chose brown accessories for her pink street length dress. Her corsage was of white rosebuds. A sister of the bride, Norma Odisio, maid of honor, and only attendant to the bride, wore blue with white accessories. Her white rosebud corsage was similar to her sisters. The couple are both graduates of Avella High School. S/Sgt. Curtis of the Air Corps is stationed at Ellington Field, Tex. Mrs. Curtis, who is employed by the U. S. Employment Office at Washington, will remain at home.

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MRS. W. ROSS ALLEN

Mrs. Marie McCombs Allen, 306 Meadow avenue, wife of W. Ross Allen, assistant cashier of Charle-roi Savings & Trust Co. bank, and a prominent church worker, died Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock, July 17, 1944, of leukemia. She had been ill ten weeks and since June 7 a patient in Allegheny General Hospital, where death occurred.

Her death marks the third in Mr. Allen's family since December 27, 1943, when his mother, Mrs. Annie M. Allen, died at Thomas Station. On June 30, less than a month ago, his father J. Thomas Allen died in his sleep in Charleroi.

Her death occurred on the eighteenth anniversary of having been delivered of quadruplet sons, each of whom died within the same day.

Marie McCombs Allen was born September 1, 1896, in Venetia, Washington County. She graduated from Peters Township High School and with the class of 1916 California Normal School. Her parents are Mrs. Sarah E. McCombs and the late T. H. McCombs, natives of the Venetia section.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Charleroi, the Sunday School and a teacher in the primary department. She was a former president of the Missionary Society, the Women's Auxiliary, past president of the Garden Club, vice president of the Athene Club and a member of the Legion Auxiliary and Eastern Star.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two daughters, Dorothy Jean and Saraetta Allen. Four sisters and one brother also survive, Thomas H. McCombs of Venetia; Mrs. S. J. Martin, New Castle; Mrs. J. L. Louttit, Venetia; Mrs. A. G. Glasser, Artisia, New Mexico and Elizabeth McCombs of Venetia, and her mother Mrs. Sarah McCombs.

JAMES GLENN ROBINSON

James Glenn Robinson, 39, Clairton, died Wednesday at 6:05 p. m. at the Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born February 28, 1905, at Hickory, a son of Agnes Dick Robinson and the late James Negley Robinson.

Living for the past 21 years in Clairton, Mr. Robinson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church there. He also belonged to the Wilson Masonic Lodge No. 714 and the Consistory, Pittsburgh.

He is survived by his wife, Cora Burd Robinson, 713 East Drive, Colonial Heights, Clairton and one sister, Mrs. Clarence Sedorif, Jewitt, O.; also three brothers: John R. Robinson, Clairton; Sergeant J. Warren Robinson, U. S. Army, England; and Corporal Lee Robinson, U. S. Army, Guam.

Airport Site In Hopewell Is Abandoned

Finis Written To Long And Involved Proceedings

Any hope that may have been held by local persons interested in construction of an airport in Hopewell Township, near Buffalo Village, have vanished into thin air.

This was revealed Saturday when it was learned that the Washington County Commissioners released the City of Washington from an agreement which had been made January 8, 1936, whereby the City condemned the land held to be usable for an airfield.

Thus has been brought to a close nine years of fuss and worry on the part of City and County officials of trips here and there to endeavor to get some definite action; of promises made—and not kept—by subdivisions of the Federal Administration.

A hasty review of the steps in the program which have been definitely halted by action of the Commissioners' action which was instigated at the behest of some of the owners of the land who have an opportunity to dispose of it, is interesting in the light of present-day thinking about airport facilities.

In December of 1935 the Commissioners set aside \$8,000 to cover preliminary expenses incident to construction of an airfield;

January 2, 1936, the Commissioners went a step further and earmarked \$20,000 for purchase of such ground as would be necessary;

January 8, 1936, the City signed an agreement with the County, to condemn the desired property in Hopewell Township.

A lull occurred at that point in the proceedings, but in 1940 a group of representative officials, and citizens made a trip to Washington, D. C., where they were informed that the plans were in shape, had been approved by the proper agencies and branches of government, and that only the "go" signal was needed.

Then came a big meeting here in July of 1940, when the results of the trip to the National Capital

were outlined and where, under the promise of WPA officials, an agency which had been pushing for the project for many months, the Commissioners authorized plans be drawn for the field.

On November 17, 1941 what was known as a Master Project was drawn, still under the impetus of Government agencies insisting that the project be made and kept big.

The net result:

No airfield for Washington County and the City; a considerable sum of money spent on preliminary surveys and engineering; a dandy set of blueprints; a lot of broken promises—and still no airport.

Funeral Home To Continue Policy

The A. Blaine Day Funeral Home, 835 Allison avenue, which, prior to the death several months ago of the owner, had been an active concern in the community for almost a quarter of a century, will be operated under the same policy and name, Mrs. A. Blaine Day said yesterday.

In making the announcement Mrs. Day said also that Phillip Richard Thomas, holder of a Pennsylvania license, will be associated with the organization as embalmer and funeral director and that Russell W. Walt, McKeesport, has been engaged as his assistant.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of New Castle High school and Grove City College and of the Cincinnati, O., College of Embalming. He has been actively engaged in the undertaking business for 14 years in both the Ohio city and Pittsburgh district.

Mr. Walt has had three years of experience in the business, all of it in Allegheny County.

A parcel of land in Jefferson Township, sold as the property of J. T. Campbell for \$197.33 delinquent taxes, against which are \$76.62 other taxes, making a total of \$274.05. Owen Boyles has offered \$400.

Cedar Grove Man Still In Critical Condition

The condition of Joseph Martindelli, 49, of Cedar Grove, who was injured in a fight Saturday night, was still regarded as critical by Washington Hospital attendants early today. He suffered a fractured skull in the affray and as yet has not regained consciousness.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Swartz, Jr., Hickory, at Spartanburg, S. C., August 16, 1944 a daughter. *Anne*

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Peterson-Linn Wedding

Miss Louella Farrar Linn, the third generation bride to be married in the Farrar homestead at Cherry Valley, was married Monday evening, August 14, to Pfc. Francis L. Peterson, Wolfdale. The ceremony took place at 7:30 o'clock in the Farrar homestead which was built out of native brick more than 100 years ago by the bride's great, great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew White.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Linn, Hindman avenue, Burgettstown and her husband is the son of Mrs. Floyd Peterson, Wolfdale. Miss Dorothy Farrar, aunt of the bride, was hostess to the wedding in the Farrar home, where she now resides.

Rev. Jacob C. Ruble, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, performed the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. L. J. Conover, Washington and Pittsburgh, played a program of nuptial music before and during the marriage service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a princess styled white satin gown with small duchess lace collar, long sleeves and basque bodice, with floor length skirt and flowing train. Her waist length veil was held in place by a Juliet cap. She carried a white colonial bouquet of astors, gardenias and roses.

Mary Jane Vosburg, Burgettstown, a suite mate at Grove City College, was maid of honor and wore a pink gown, with lace basque bodice, and shirred net skirt over pink satin. She carried a colonial bouquet of pink and orchid astors, baby breath and roses.

Floyd Peterson, Wolfdale, was his brother's best man.

An informal reception was held following the ceremony and a buffet supper was served. The bride's table was centered with a tiered wedding cake and flowers in pastel shades. As the bride and bridegroom departed for a wedding trip in the mountains, the bridal bouquet was caught by her roommate at Grove City, Mary Lee Puckett, Burgettstown.

The bride is a graduate of Union High School and Cottey College for Women Nevada Mo. This summer she has been attending Grove City College and plans to complete the semester. She is an accomplished musician and is well known throughout the district for her talent.

Pfc. Peterson is a graduate of Trinity High School and attended Shenandoah Conservatory and Washington and Jefferson College.

He is well known throughout the Washington district for his fine tenor voice. He was formerly a member of the Presbyterian Choir and men's quartet and has appeared in many towns in the county as a soloist. Since entering Army service he has been stationed at the University of St. Louis, Mo., with the A. S. T. P., where he was a language student. Recently he was transferred to the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo. He will return to duty on Sunday, August 19. Mrs. Peterson plans to join him in September.

Automobile And Double Tractor⁴⁷ Collide Head-On

July 21, 1941
Local Man, His Wife,
Mother And Sister-
In-Law Are Victims

CAR CATCHES FIRE

Four Washington residents met tragic deaths last night when an automobile in which they were riding collided with a motor freight tractor in tow of a tractor-trailer at a cloverleaf intersection of the Washington-Pittsburgh Road, Route 19, in Upper St. Clair Township, Allegheny County.

The dead:

WARREN QUAY PORTER, 55, 73 East Cherry avenue.

BEATRICE M. PORTER, 43, his wife, same address.

MRS. ELIZABETH PORTER, 77, his mother, 101 West Walnut street.

MRS. FANNIE PORTER, 50, his sister-in-law, Locust avenue extension.

Porter burned to death when the automobile caught fire after being sprayed with flaming gasoline from a broken tank on one of the tractors.

The three women, all of whom suffered fractured skulls, were taken by firemen from the burning machine, but died shortly after.

Relatives here said the four were returning from a visit with Porter's brother, Lee Porter, of Meadville, R. D. 1, where they had gone on Wednesday.

Identification of Porter was first established through a ration book and driver's license found on the

highway. Another ration book bore the name of Beatrice Porter.

Later, John M. Smalley, 57 East Chestnut street, father of Beatrice, said the other two occupants of the machine were Porter's mother and his sister-in-law.

Upper St. Clair Township Police Chief John A. Klancher said the operator of the motor freight tractor was E. J. Guy, 42, of Etna, a driver for the O. B. Lines, Inc., who was enroute to Pittsburgh. In the tractor-trailer, being towed, was Robert L. Boglitch, of Pittsburgh.

Boglitch told Chief Klancher the left rear wheel of the tractor in which he was riding came off as the two vehicles were going down a hill onto the cloverleaf, at Clifton, and as the wheel came off, the tractor jack-knifed.

About that time, it was reported, the automobile driven by Porter was coming down another hill onto the cloverleaf. Porter, it was said, apparently did not see the tractor jack-knife and crashed head-on into it.

As he collided with the tractor, the tractor's gasoline tank burst open, spraying the automobile with burning gasoline.

The three women were removed first from the automobile. By the time rescuers had removed the women, the heat from the burning auto and gasoline which was burning all around became so intense that rescuers were driven off.

Meanwhile, the Upper St. Clair and Bethel Township Fire Departments arrived and extinguished the flames.

Two of the women were taken to Mercy Hospital, but their identification was not known. The other women and Porter were taken to the Allegheny County morgue.

The three women were not burned, attaches at Mercy Hospital and the coroner's office said. They reported they died of fractured skulls. Porter was burned beyond recognition, it was reported.

Guy and Boglitch were released in \$1,000 bond each for an inquest by Allegheny County authorities.

Boglitch later told Police Chief Klancher that as the left rear wheel came off, about 7:30 p. m., he blew his horn in an effort to have Guy stop the vehicles. Guy, however, said he never heard the horn and the first knowledge he had of anything wrong was when the tractor began to sway and he looked in the rear view mirror and saw the tractor was out of line. He said he slammed on brakes.

Police Chief Klancher said that until the tractor was stopped, a distance of 485 feet was traveled by the vehicles.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Porter have no children. Mr. Porter leaves a number of brothers and Mrs. Porter is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smalley, and one sister, Dorcitha, wife of Edward Levers, Waynesburg.

Mrs. Fannie Porter is survived by two sons, both in the armed forces: Pvt. Ralph Porter, U. S. Army, England, and Aviation Cadet Duane Porter, Turner Field, Albany, Ga.; and two daughters, Mrs. Harold Fullerton, Locust avenue extension, and Mrs. Thom-⁴⁷ as Knox, New Brighton.

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Cross Creek Schools Open On September 5

Assignments For Teachers For New Term Announced

Cross Creek Township Schools will begin the new term on Tuesday morning, September 5. Teaching assignments will be as follows:

Cross Creek School—Room 1, Mrs. Hazel McNelly; Room 2, Miss Alberta McBride; Room 3, Mr. Harry Wilson.

Beech Knob School — Grades Three, Four and Five, Mrs. Hazel Cooke.

Willow Valley School will be closed.

Cedar Grove School—Room 1 vacant due to the illness of Mrs. Lavina Allen; Room 2, Mrs. Viola Johnson; Room 3, Mrs. Gladys McCormick.

Patterson Mills Schools—Room 1, Miss Julia Krezanosky; Room 2, Mrs. Helen Brownlee; Room 3, Mrs. Dortha Wilson.

Avella School—Room 1, Mrs. Lena McConnell; Room 2, Mrs. Mary Ross.

From the rural area, Grades Three, Four and Five, with a few exceptions will be transported to Beech Knob School. All other grades will be transported to Cross Creek School. D. M. Phillips will have charge of the elementary transportation in the rural area and John P. McNelly will haul the High School pupils to Hickory.

Grades One to Four will be taught at Avella, Grade Five will be transported to Cedar Grove School and Grades Six, Seven and Eight to the Patterson Mills School. Myers and Wright will have charge of this transportation as well as of that to the Avella High School. Enrollment of Freshmen at Avella High School is being conducted on Thursday and Friday of this week.

FRANK COLLIGE

Frank Collige, 87, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alphonse Dhans, Hickory, R. D. 1, Saturday, Aug. 12, 1944, following an illness of six months.

Mr. Collige was born in Belgium, July 24, 1857. He was a retired coal miner and had made his home with his daughter for a number of years.

Besides his daughter he leaves a brother Disire Collige, Battle Creek, Mich., five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

School Term In Jefferson Begins Tuesday

Only Eldersville School To Be Used This Year

Schools of Jefferson Township will open on Tuesday morning, September 5. Only the school at Eldersville will be used this term and the teaching force there will consist of the following:

Room 1, Mrs. Helen Ryan; Room 2, Mrs. Nelle Blaine; Room 3, Mrs. Dorothy Butler; Room 4, Mrs. Mary Hunter; Room 5, Mrs. Mary Stack.

The transportation will be in charge of E. A. Gillespie, of Eldersville, and the buses to Eldersville School will be operated on the same schedules as last year. The bus to Union High School will leave Eldersville at 7:45 a. m.

The Turney School at Penowa will be closed this term and the elementary pupils there will be transported to the Cross Creek Township schools. Grades One to Four will go to Avella School, Grade Five to Cedar Grove School and Grades Six, Seven and Eight to Patterson Mills School.

This transportation will be in charge of Myers and Wright, of Independence. The high school pupils from the Penowa area will attend high school in Independence Township at Avella. Enrollment of Freshmen will be conducted at the high school on Thursday and Friday of this week.

MRS. HANNA H. KASSAU

Mrs. Hanna H. Kassau, 71, died suddenly of a heart attack, Tuesday, August 15, 1944, at 2:10 a. m., in her home, 219 Station street, McDonald.

A resident of Washington County her entire life, she was born at Buffalo Village, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kaste. She was a member of the First U. P. Church, of McDonald.

Surviving are three daughters, Hilda and Mrs. Joseph Bednar, both at home, and Mrs. J. R. Conley, of Akron, O. Four brothers and one sister also survive.

MRS. LEONA SUNDERLAND

Mrs. Leona Sunderland, 70, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 1944, at 9:30 a. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gardner, Eldersville. Mrs. Sunderland, who had resided in the Gardner home since June 10, had been ill of pneumonia last December and never fully recovered.

Mrs. Sunderland was born in Harrison County, O., May 24, 1875, a daughter of William and Sara Brown. She had resided on a farm near Eldersville for the past 45 years and until her recent illness.

She is survived by four nephews and four nieces: Elmer Persons, Barnesville, O.; Floyd Brown, Canton, O.; Bert Todd, Akron, O., and Stewart Stoner, Steubenville, O.; Mrs. Hershel Murphy, Barnesville, O.; Mrs. Lessie Hines, Piedmont, O.; Mrs. Cora Smithley and Mrs. Ella Figush, Akron, O.

Lightning Strikes Home At Hickory

HICKORY, Aug. 13.—A dormer window of the A. D. McCarrell home was struck during the electrical storm this evening, causing some damage to clothes stored in a wardrobe. The electric storm there was followed by some rain and hail in the district.

No fire was started but the charge singed the stored clothing and surrounding woodwork. A pane of glass in the window was not broken.

The hail, due to the atmospheric conditions of the excessive heat of the day, was not extensive and is not believed to have caused little or no damage to crops.

RALPH J. HEMPHILL

Ralph J. Hemphill, 59, native of Washington County and a former resident of Hickory, died Wednesday, August 16, 1944, at his home in Glendale, Calif.

Mr. Hemphill, who had resided on the West Coast since 1922, was a son of the late Joseph and Ellen Armstrong Hemphill, of Hickory.

His wife, Gertrude Maxwell Hemphill, of Hickory, died in 1939. One son survives, Sgt. Robert Andrew Hemphill, stationed at Shepherd Field, Texas. Burial will be in Forrest Lawn, Glendale, Calif.

KIMBERLAND—Funeral services for Stephen V. Kimberland, former County Superintendent, who died at 7 a. m., Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1944, in the Washington Hospital, will be held at 2 p. m., Saturday, at the home of his brother, O. M. Kimberland, Burgettstown, where friends will be received. Burial will be in the Chestnut Ridge Cemetery, on Route 22, west of Florence in Hanover Township. Lee & Wilson, Burgettstown, funeral directors.

S. V. Kimberland Called By Death

Heart Ailment Fatal To Former County School Head

Stephen Vincent Kimberland, 64, for 12 years Superintendent of Schools of Washington County, died at 7 a. m., Wednesday, August 30, 1944, in Washington Hospital, after a short illness of heart trouble.

For some time he had roomed at 181 North Main street and for a week had been confined to his bed, but Sunday was removed to the Hospital.

Mr. Kimberland was well known over the Tri-State district, where he had been active in educational work for many years. Elected four times as County Superintendent, he resigned in July, 1934, after having served 12 years.

Mr. Kimberland was born at Wellsburg, W. Va., September 25, 1879, a son of Samuel and Eleanor Gillespie Kimberland.

After attending the schools of Brooke County, W. Va., he attended the old Eldersville Normal School in this County, and then

went to Grove City College, at Grove City. He began his long career as an educator in 1897, and continued as a teacher and principal until 1912, when he was elected supervising principal of the schools of Smith Township.

He was successful in his chosen vocation, and for 10 years held this position, or until he was elected Superintendent of Schools of Washington County in 1922, serving from May, 1922, until his resignation in July, 1934.

April 4, 1910, he was united in marriage to Miss Maude Lyons, who died at their home at Burgettstown, September 27, 1922. Although he had lived in Burgettstown for a number of years he came to Washington after the death of his wife, and had lived here ever since. About 20 years ago he was in an automobile accident in which he lost the sight of one eye and suffered other serious injuries.

He was active in all community affairs at Burgettstown. He had served as an elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of that place. In fact he had held nearly every office in that church and had also been superintendent of the Sunday school.

While living in Jefferson Township he served seven years as Justice of the Peace in addition to his school work, and again served four years in that office after his removal to Burgettstown. For nine years before his election as County Superintendent he was a member of the Burgettstown School Board.

Called By Death



Above is S. V. Kimberland, for 12 years Superintendent of Schools of Washington County, who died Wednesday at Washington Hospital, following a short illness caused by a heart condition.

He also served four years as secretary of the Union Agricultural Association and during World War I was food administrator of that section of the County. He always enjoyed camping expeditions and took a deep interest in the Boy Scouts, serving four years as scoutmaster of the Burgettstown Troop.

He is survived by two brothers, O. M. Kimberland, Burgettstown, and J. L. Kimberland, Akron, O.

Green-Ferguson Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, Rea, R. D. 1, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Irene, to Edward Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Green, Bulger. The ceremony was performed at noon, Saturday, August 26, by the Rev. John W. Allison, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Washington, at the home of the Rev. Mr. Allison.

The bride is a graduate of Independence Township High School with the class of 1943. She has been employed in Akron, O., for the past several months. Mr. Green is employed at Bulger. The couple will make their home in McDonald.

MRS. CLARA K. BROWN

Mrs. Clara Kimberland Brown, 71, wife of John Brown, died Tuesday, August 15, 1944, at 3:30 p. m., in her home, 38 Statement street, Laboratory. She had been in failing health for six months.

A daughter of Parker and Rachael Kimberland, she was born August 30, 1873, at Wellsburg, W. Va. She was a member of the Laboratory Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband; seven children, Clarence J. Myers, Canonsburg, R. D. 1; Rachael, wife of Ralph St. Clair, of Hickory; Rose, wife of J. S. Ball, Pittsburgh; S/Sgt. Ralph V. Myers, Casper, Wyo.; Hallie, wife of Anthony R. Bender, Washington, R. D. 1; Hazel, wife of G. Raymond Livenood, Hickory, and Charles H. Myers; Washington, R. D. 4; a step-son, Woodrow Brown, Washington, D. C.; 15 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters, Miss Lucy Kimberland, Washington, R. D. 2, and Mrs. Elizabeth McCartney, Thomas Station, and two brothers, Samuel L. Kimberland, Canonsburg, R. D. 1, and W. H. Kimberland, Washington, R. D. 2.

R. HAMPTON McKEAG

R. Hampton McKeag, 67, died at his home in The Meadows, Claysville, Tuesday, August 9, 1944, at 3:25 p. m. Mr. McKeag suffered a stroke in 1937 and had been in ill health since that time.

He was born near Burnsville, West Finley Township, July 29, 1877, a son of George C. and Katherine Martin McKeag.

Mr. McKeag was a rural mail carrier for more than 30 years at the Rea office. He later transferred to the West Finley office where he also carried a rural mail route.

He was a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church and the Cross Creek Grange, 954. He was twice married, to Myrtle Bell, who died in 1831 and to Lulu Baldwin, who survives.

Besides his wife he leaves the following sons and daughters: Clark McKeag, Burgettstown; Mrs. Gertrude Russell, Hickory; Mae McKeag, Rea; Mrs. Esther A. Whoolery, Shinnstown, W. Va., and Thomas A. McKeag, Washington; two stepsons, Merle Baldwin, Washington, and Dr. Auburn Baldwin, Pittsburgh; a sister, Mrs. Yetta McKeag Potter, Washington, and 11 grandchildren.

Hopewell School Opens August 28

The Hopewell Township Consolidated School will open for the new term at Buffalo Village on Monday morning, August 28. The teaching force will consist of the same teachers as last year and are as follows:

Grades one and two—Mrs. Pauline Knestrick.

Grades Three and Four, Miss Mary J. Sawhill.

Grades five and six, Mrs. Mary McGaughey.

Grades seven and eight, Mrs. Catherine Geno.

School will open each morning at 9:40 o'clock (EWT). The bus schedules will be the same as last year.

High School pupils will attend Trinity High School and the bus to the High School will be driven by R. Clinton Wilson, who will also haul the elementary pupils from the West Middletown area to Buffalo. The Brush Run and Farrer's School area bus will be driven by Paul Roney.

School will be dismissed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 4.

MRS. NETTIE A. RUSSELL

Mrs. Nettie A. Russell, former resident of this City, died at her home, 351 McKinley street, Gary, Ind., Tuesday, August 8, 1944, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Russell was a daughter of Thomas M. and Jane Griffith Berryhill and was born at Hickory July 8, 1863.

She joined the United Presbyterian Church early in life and at the time of her death was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Gary. Mrs. Russell attended the Conservatory of Music, Oberlin College, Oberlin, O., after which she taught music prior to her marriage to Robert Alexander Russell, who died in 1907.

To this union were born four children: Mrs. Gertrude Pleas and Lois Elizabeth, both deceased; Marshall A. Russell, with whom she made her home and Mrs. Louella Martin, Gary, Ind. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Lt. J. Shan Martin, U.S.M.C.R., stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., Dorothy Ann, Lois Virginia and Robert Gerald Martin, at home. Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Charles M. Berryhill and Miss Lou Berryhill, of Hickory; Dr. G. M. Berryhill of Orangeville, Pa.; and Mrs. Blanche A. Smith, Portland, Ore.

Couples Observe Anniversary

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent in the Elmer R. McIlvaine home, Hickory, when a family gathering was held. The occasion was the double wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wilson, Coraopolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McIlvaine.

The couples were united in marriage at the manse of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, Hickory, August 20, 1913, by the Rev. Charles C. Stunkhard. Following the 4:30 ceremony 31 years ago the couples left for Atlantic City, N. J.

Present at the anniversary celebration were William Conkle, Seaview, Wash., Mrs. J. L. Neal and family, Canonsburg; Mr. and Mrs. David Shanon and family and the honored couples and their families.

Mrs. McIlvaine was Mary Conkle and Mrs. Wilson was Joan Conkle before their marriages.

A. J. RUSH

A. J. Rush, 60, died Friday, August 18, 1944, at 4:15 p. m., in his home in Hopewell Township, Avella, R. D. 1, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Rush was born in Hopewell Township, April 15, 1884, a son of Albert S. and San Jacinto Duvall Rush, and spent his entire life in that community.

He was a member of the West Middletown Christian Church. Active in community affairs, he had held several township offices.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Belle Smith Rush; two sons, Lt. John A. Rush, U. S. Army, Fort George G. Meade, Md., and Donald A. Rush, at home; his mother, who lives in Avella, R. D. 1; three sisters, Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. Glenn Foster, both of Wolfdale, and Mrs. Edward Jordan, of Carnegie, and two brothers, Stanley O. Rush, of West Middletown, and Lewis D. Rush, of Avella, R. D. 1.

Former County Man Instantly Killed

Stewart Patterson, 80, Elm Grove, was killed instantly Friday, Sept. 1, 1944, when hit by an object projecting from a moving train as he was returning from work. His neck was broken. Mr. Patterson was a bricklayer and contractor.

He was born near Venice, Cecil Township. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Willison, who survives.

Besides his wife he leaves: a daughter, Mrs. Harry Hollett, Elm Grove, W. Va., a brother, David Patterson, Mt. Lebanon, three sisters, Mrs. William Moore, McDonauld; Mrs. Annie Carlisle, Hickory; and Mrs. Milton Upcraft, Carnegie.

MISS JANE EVA ALLENDER

Miss Jane Eva Allender, 51, Hickory, school teacher in the Mt. Pleasant Township schools for a number of years, died at the Washington Hospital, Monday, Aug. 21, 1944, following a lingering illness.

Miss Allender taught at the Westland school until forced to retire due to poor health two years ago.

She was born at Hickory, April 26, 1893, a daughter of the late John A. and Lavin Moore Allender. She spent her entire life in Hickory.

Miss Allender was a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. S. O. Scott, Hickory; two brothers, G. E. Allender, Ada, Okla., and S. W. Allender, Bridgeville.

DEATHS

ALLENDER—Funeral services for Miss Jane Eva Allender, Hickory, who died Aug. 21, 1944, will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, in charge of the Rev. Alvin B. Henry, in absence of the pastor, Rev. C. S. Thomas. Friends will be received at her late home until 1 p. m., Thursday. Burial will be in Mt. Prospect Cemetery. A. Blaine Day Funeral Home, Washington, funeral director.

Observe 59th Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pettibon, Eldersville, observed their 59th wedding anniversary recently. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pettibon, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wiegmann and Mrs. Kate Kidd were the guests at a chicken dinner served at noon.

During the afternoon and evening 50 friends and relatives called to extend congratulations and best wishes to the couple. They received several greeting cards and bouquets of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettibon were married Sept. 24, 1885, by the Rev. Mr. Pettigrew in the Presbyterian Church at Patterson Mills. They went to housekeeping near Cross Creek. They lived in Steubenville and Mingo Junction, O., for several years and in 1907 came back to this community and have lived here ever since. They both are in good health.

A. D. Morganthall Gets State Post

Appointment Of West Bethlehem Supervisor Is Announced

Dr. Francis B. Haas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced last night in Harrisburg the appointment of A. D. Morganthall, supervising principal of schools in West Bethlehem Township, as a specialist in the Bureau of School Administration. His salary, it was reported, will be \$3,600.

Morganthall, who has served as supervising principal of West Bethlehem Township schools for the last nine years, yesterday tendered a letter of resignation to the township school board.

It was announced that Morganthall will take up his new duties Friday, September 1. He expects to leave today for Harrisburg.

A graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, where he received his A. B. degree in 1920, he received a master's degree in education in 1938 at University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to becoming supervising principal in West Bethlehem, Morganthall was high school principal at Pitcairn. He also served as principal and athletic coach at East Bethlehem Township High School for three years, 1924-27, and for two years, 1928-30, was high school principal at Jefferson in Greene County.

Morganthall is a native of Waynesboro, Franklin County.

Inquest Arranged In Death Of Man

8-24-44
The inquest into the death of Joseph Martinelli, 49, Cedar Grove, who died Tuesday at Washington Hospital from injuries received in a fight Saturday night, will be held by Coroner M. J. Sweeney at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning in the public meeting room of the Courthouse.

An information, charging murder, was made today by State Police against John Cruny Jr., 24, Cedar Grove, who, officers believe, knocked Martinelli down. The information was made before Alderman Morgan McClelland, but he will not be given a hearing until after the inquest.

Death Claims Him



William D. Brightwell, 82, widely known in Washington County, died at the Washington Hospital Saturday evening. He was an educator for a long period and had always taken an active interest in public affairs.

Former County Man Is Killed In Indiana

David Snodgrass, a former resident of the Claysville district, was killed instantly Friday, Sept. 1, when struck by a train at Williamsport, Ind., where he had made his home for a number of years. He was talking to a friend and turned to cross the track and was struck by a fast freight.

Mr. Snodgrass gave up farming to engage in church work, leaving the Claysville district, where he was a member of the choir and Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church, to attend Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, taking Bible and voice. For a quarter of a century he was a missionary in Michigan and Harlan County, Ky. Retiring, he lived on a farm near Frankfort, in Beaver County, moving to Williamsport a few years ago.

He was a son of Washington and Elizabeth Marshman Snodgrass. His wife, Edna Wilmer Snodgrass, survives with two brothers, George, of Claysville, and Garfield, of Steubenville, and a sister, Florence, of Steubenville.

Rev. and Mrs. George Snodgrass, Claysville; Mrs. Alice Snodgrass, West Middletown; Mrs. Edith Smithyman, Pittsburgh and J. G. Snodgrass, Steubenville, attended the services held in the Williamsport Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder.

W. D. Brightwell Passes Away

Washington Man, Former Educator, Widely Known

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William Delancey Brightwell, 82, one of Washington County's widely known citizens, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 1944, at 7:50 o'clock at Washington Hospital.

Mr. Brightwell had been in failing health and was injured in a fall in his home.

Mr. Brightwell served as principal of the Washington schools from 1900 to 1904, coming to Washington from Duquesne where he had served in a similar capacity. He later was in charge of the schools of New Brighton and Allison Park. He retired from school work about 25 years ago.

Always taking an active interest in public affairs, he was a candidate as a Democrat for numerous county offices and had held numerous appointments as a member of that party.

A resident of Washington for 38 years, he was a member of the First Methodist Church.

A son of Nathan and Catherine Tiernan Brightwell, he was born in Fayette County, March 24, 1862. He graduated from the present California Teachers College when it was known as the California State Normal School. He attended and graduated from the law schools of both West Virginia University and the University of Pittsburgh.

An ardent Mountaineer fan, he frequently helped to arrange for the West Virginia University band to play a concert in Washington en route to Pittsburgh for the annual football game with Pitt.

Mr. Brightwell married Margaret Zahniser, of Washington, who died in 1937. Two daughters, Mrs. Grace Virtue and Miss Virginia Brightwell, of 391 West Chestnut street, survive. Three sons preceded him in death, Jack, Wilbur and William Brightwell. His son, Wilbur, was killed during the fighting France, his body being brought back to Washington. His son William died suddenly after taking part in a softball game.

Bride Of Officer



The former Lois Marie Clark, above, was married to First Lieutenant John C. Brust, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Brust, Lancaster, September 5. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, 217 North Wade avenue.

Brust-Clark Wedding

Miss Lois Marie Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, 217 North Wade avenue, became the bride of First Lieutenant John C. Brust, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Brust, Lancaster, September 5 at a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. S. Copeland, Wheeling, W. Va.

The bride wore a gray wool suit with black accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Following a short trip Lieutenant and Mrs. Brust will make their home in Ardmore, Okla., where Lieutenant Brust is stationed with the Air Corps.

WILLIAM M. KNOX

William M. Knox, 84, died at the Sylvia Barr Convalescent Home, East Beau street, Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1944, at 4 p. m., after an illness of several months. He was born on the Knox homestead in East Finley Township, near Claysville, March 31, 1860, and spent his entire life there, entering the Convalescent home three years ago.

Mr. Knox was the son of John and Amanda Kane Knox. He was a lifelong member of the Wheeling Hill United Presbyterian Church. His wife, Elizabeth Gordon Knox, died in April, 1931. He was the last member of his family. Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

District Youth Burned To Death

9-12-44
Five-Year-Old Paul Craig, Hopewell Township, Is Victim

Paul Craig, five-year-old son of J. Stanley and Laura Adams Craig, Hopewell Township, Avella, R. D. 1, died in the Washington Hospital last night at 7:45 o'clock from burns sustained when fire destroyed a granary in which he was playing earlier in the day.

According to the reports of Deputy Coroners G. E. McNary and W. Howard Thompson, the youth was playing with some corn husks in the granary. In some manner he set fire to the husks and, when the flames swept near him, he crawled into a butchering barrel nearby.

Mrs. Craig was attracted to the granary by the screams of her young son but by the time she reached the scene, the flames had reached the barrel. In pulling the victim from the barrel, she was slightly burned about the hands and arms.

Mrs. Craig hurried to a neighboring farm owned by J. W. Carl to get assistance and to summon the Avella Volunteer Fire Department. The youth was rushed to the Washington Hospital where attaches said death resulted from second degree burns of the face, neck, hands and knees.

The flames spread rapidly from the granary to a wagon shed and corn crib and all three structures were consumed before arrival of the firemen. However, they succeeded in saving the house, barn and stable, which was filled with hay.

Besides his parents he is survived by seven brothers: Sgt. Raymond, Camp Beale, Cal.; John S. Jr., Clark, Frank, Homer, Lester and Louis, all at home.

Former Avella Man Transferred To Portland

A former Avella resident, Eugene Cline, has been transferred from Philadelphia to Portland, Me., where he will serve as office manager for the Sun Oil Company. Mrs. Cline and son, Robert, expect to leave soon to join him.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Beaumariage of Hickory, on Sunday, August 20, at the Washington Hospital, a son, Gerald Wayne.

Hickory High School Classes Name Officers

Mt. Pleasant Township Schools Get Good Start

HICKORY, Sept. 24—All four classes of Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School, at recent meetings, organized for the year and elected officers.

Enrollment in the township schools is reported practically the same as last year, and the year is started in good shape.

Class officers named follow:

Freshman Class—President, James Loffert; vice president, William Phillips; secretary, Lois Lee; treasurer, Sue Thomas.

Sophomore Class—President, Ronald Bedillion; vice president, Robert Brown; secretary, Dolores Carlisle; treasurer, Betty Zemaitis.

Junior Class—President, Philip Patnesky; vice president, Barbara Brown; secretary, Nancy White; treasurer, Mary Lee.

Senior Class—President, Jack White; vice president, Bud Stamy; secretary, Evelyn Cowden; treasurer, Louise Leech.

Frye-Liggett Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Liggett, West Middletown, announce the marriage of their daughter, Clara, to Albert F. Frye, Jr., son of Mrs. Sarah V. Frye, Hickory. The ceremony was performed Saturday evening, Sept. 16, by the Rev. Fred W. McClellan, pastor of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown.

The bride was attired in a blue gabardine suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of red rosebuds.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Walker, Pittsburgh. Mrs. Walter wore a brown and aqua crepe dress and a corsage of white camellias.

Following a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Frye will reside at 1025 Jefferson avenue, Washington.

Guests in McGugin Home

Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, of Hickory, had their family together to spend several days with them recently. Chaplain James P. McGugin and his bride were at home from Camp Leonard Wood, Mo. Pvt. Arthur Lawton, with the quartermaster division at Camp Lee, Va., and Mrs. Lawton and daughter Mary Jayne, Washington, were present, as were Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Stough, Loudonville, O., and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phillips and son, Jimmie, Hickory, R. D.

Engle-Ray Wedding

At the spacious country home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ray, Hickory, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Martha Joan, to Herman Engel, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Engel of Cecil.

The ceremony was performed Tuesday evening Sept. 12 at 8:30 p. m. with the Rev. C. T. Littell, pastor of The United Presbyterian Church of Venice officiating, in the presence of 35 friends and relatives.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. E. H. White played wedding music consisting of "Salute D'Amour," "Liebestraume" and Chopin's "Nocturne." Miss Ruth Taggart, Washington, a classmate of the bride, sang "O Promise Me" and "Because."

The bridal party entered the living room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March played by Mrs. E. H. White and stood before an embankment of panderas, ferns and white gladioli. On either side were two large white candelabra.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of embroidered velveteen over white satin. Her train fell from a crown of lace, orange blossoms centered with miniature pearl orange blossoms. She carried a large bouquet of white pompons.

Little Miss Margaret Buchanan, Hickory, dressed in yellow dotted swiss, served as flower girl. Miss Earline Bedillion, Washington, also a classmate of the bride, was maid of honor. She was dressed in yellow taffeta carrying a Colonial bouquet. Miss Eloise Hixon, Washington, wearing blue net over satin and Mrs. Robert Engel, Cecil, wearing white organdy were bridesmaids. They each carried bouquets of pink astors.

For something old the bride wore a pearl ring belonging to her mother.

George Paxton served as Mr. Engel's best man. Ushers were James Harris, cousin of the bride, and Jack Engel, brother of the bridegroom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at which time many gifts were received by the couple. Refreshments were served by Miss Alene Carlisle and Catherine Biers, Canonsburg.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Hickory High School in the class of 1941 and is engaged in farming. He graduated from the same class in 1944.

Mrs. Engel will reside with the bride's father, Mr. Clifford Ray,

Announces Wedding Date

Miss Bertha Aletha Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker Wilson, Hickory, has selected September 20 for her marriage to Langton Astor Kraft, Toronto, Canada.

The couple met two summers ago while vacationing on Georgian Bay. The bride to be, attended Indiana State Teacher's College and the University of Pittsburgh. Besides teaching in the County schools she is interested in golf and has played in tournaments throughout Western Pennsylvania prior to the war.

Mr. Kraft was graduated from the University of Toronto and is a member of the brokerage house of J. H. Crang in Toronto. He is also a member of the Toronto Stock Exchange and has his own mining interests in Northern Ontario.

The wedding will take place in Toronto, which will be followed by a month spent at lakes in the northern part of the Province.

Mester-Scott Wedding

Miss Marion R. Scott, daughter of Mrs. Edith M. Scott and the late H. A. Scott, Burgettstown, and Lieutenant (j.g.) Cecil R. Mester, USNR, of Langeloth, were united in marriage Saturday evening, October 28 in the Langeloth Church.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Zezzo, pastor of the Eldersville Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Van Imwegen, pastor of the Langeloth Church, before an altar of ferns and white candelabras.

Soloist for the wedding was Mrs. Wayne Cully, Burgettstown, who sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly." She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Coffey who also played the wedding march.

The bride was attired in a white satin and net princess style gown with sweetheart neckline and three-quarter length sleeves. Her veil was waist length and she carried a bouquet of an orchid surrounded by white roses.

Mrs. David Smiley, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, sister of the bride and matron of honor, wore a lace and net gown of teal blue and carried yellow and bronze baby mums. David Smiley served as best man.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, William Truax, Eldersville.

The bride graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology in the fall of 1942 and has been employed with Chemical Warfare Service in Pittsburgh.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo., and has been in the Navy since the spring of 1942. He recently returned from duty in the Pacific as a Dauntless Dive Bomber pilot with Bomber Squadron Ten.

Immediately following the ceremony Lieutenant and Mrs. Mester left for Wildwood, N. J., where Lt. Mester is stationed.

Weds Canadian



The former Bertha Wilson, whose marriage to Langton A. Kraft, of Toronto, Canada, was an event of Sept. 20, in Toronto, was formerly a teacher in the Chartiers Township schools. Mrs. Kraft is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker Wilson, Hickory. The couple will make their home on Northcliffe Boulevard, Toronto.

SOCIETY

Kraft-Wilson Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker Wilson, of Hickory, announce the marriage on Wednesday, Sept. 24, of their daughter, Bertha Aletha, to Langton Astor Kraft, of Toronto, Canada.

The ceremony was performed in the study of the Calvin Presbyterian Church of Toronto, by the Rev. Joseph Wasson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. White, of the Eglington Manor Apartments, Toronto, were the only attendants. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the apartment of the bridal couple.

The bride wore a Nathalie Nicoli designed dressmaker suit of brown wool crepe with accessories to match. Her corsage was of green orchids. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a diamond dinner ring.

The bride attended the University of Pittsburgh and was a teacher in Chartiers Township until her recent resignation. Mr. Kraft is a graduate of the University of Toronto where he was well-known in athletic circles. He is a member of the brokerage firm of J. H. Crane & Co., and also of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraft will reside at 342 Northcliffe Boulevard, Toronto, after November 1.

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J. Clarence Bristor, Veteran Rural Mail Carrier, Retires

When J. Clarence Bristor rural carrier on Route No. 1 from Dunns Station and the oldest carrier in Washington County in the point of service deposited his mail in the Dunns Station office last Saturday he had completed almost 42 years of service and retired from active duty.

Mr. Bristor entered the rural mail service Nov. 1, 1902 as a substitute carrier for three of the five men who carried from the Dunns Station office. On Jan. 1, 1907 he was appointed a regular carrier and would have completed 38 years continuous service had he continued until next January 1.

Mr. Bristor estimates that he has traveled more than 375,000 miles in that time in all kinds of vehicles, horseback and on foot and over all kinds of roads and in all kinds of weather.

When Mr. Bristor began his work at Dunns Station his route covered 25 miles and the only improved or solid road he had on the 25 miles were the floors in the numerous covered bridges over Ten Mile Creek. Since that time his rout has been extended to 37½ miles all which were improved with all-year roads with the ex-

ception on one mile. When he first started he served 55 boxes and carried about two dozen letters, two or three dozen newspapers and no magazines. In contrast, when he retired he was serving 160 boxes and carried 140 daily papers, 130 of which were the Washington Observer.

Parcel Post was unheard of 37 years ago but at the present, Mr. Bristor often had all the mail he could pack into his automobile. When he first started to serve the people on this route he received \$60 per month or \$720 per year and received no maintenance fee for the keep of his two horses and vehicles.

When he retired he was receiving \$1,800 per year and six cents per mile for maintenance of equipment.

During the almost 42 years of service from this office as substitute and regular carrier, Mr. Bristor served under only two postmasters. When he started William Fulton, now deceased, was the postmaster. After his death his son, James D. Fulton, became postmaster in January 1915 and is still serving. The five routes from that office at that time were gradually reduced by consolidation and today two carriers serve a much larger territory than the five carriers did when the routes were first established.

Mr. Bristor endured all the hardships of the pioneer rural carrier including the big "bugaboo" of bad roads in the winter when the saddle horse was the only means of transportation. Many times when the roads were blocked with snow and other conditions he carried parts of his route on foot and the service he has rendered to these patrons has always been of the highest type.



Mr. Bristor purchased his first Model T Ford in 1915 and many were his experiences when he first started the service with that means of travel. In those days stock dealers, when they purchased a drove of cattle, hogs or sheep and even turkeys, they drove them on foot to their farms or market places. A local dealer one day was driving a herd of hogs to his home when they gave out and proceeded to make their bed in the road. Bristor came whirling around a bend in the Model T and the front wheels ran up a hog's back. The big "porker" proceeded to get up and lifted the wheels and the front end off the ground. There Bristor's Ford remained until the hog decided to move on, and another hog struck a wheel and knocked the car from the pig's back. Bristor has many interesting stories to tell of his experiences and states that his work has been most pleasant with his patrons, carrying many messages of joy which far overshadowed the messages of sorrow.

When he began his service the mail reached Dunns Station by the old narrow gauge "Waynie" railroad. He saw this famous old road discontinued and then the service came by automobile from Washington through Amity. He again witnessed the old "Waynie" being transferred into a broad gauge road.

Mr. Bristor has been active in the Rural Letter Carriers Associations and has served as president of the Washington County Organization several times. He also served as vice president and president of the State Rural Letter Carriers Association two terms. Mr. Bristor was recently married and with his new wife they except to leave soon for Gettysburg where they will make their future home.

Wm. M. Lewis Dies Suddenly

Was Former Councilman And Burgess Of Canonsburg

CANONSBURG, Sept. 18 — William M. Lewis, 59, Canonsburg, R. D. 2, North Strabane Township, a former burgess of the Borough of Canonsburg, died suddenly late this afternoon while at work at the Fort Pitt Bridge Works.

Mr. Lewis, one of the most prominent residents of this community and active in all civic, church and fraternal events, had been in his usual health prior to being stricken. He was talking to a fellow employe, William Fulton, when he keeled over and death occurred before a physician could be summoned.

Mr. Lewis was a lifelong resident of Canonsburg, having been born here January 23, 1885, a son of Harry and Mary Mathias Lewis. For the past 35 years he was employed as a machinist at the Fort Pitt Bridge Works.

He was a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church and served as layman for many years.

Mr. Lewis served for three years as burgess here, was a member of Council for seven years and of the Board of Health for six years. He was president of council during his second term.

When the Canon Building Association was organized 22 years ago, Mr. Lewis was elected president and he retained that post until his death. He was a prominent member of Canon Lodge, K. of P., 204, havink held many high offices during the past 20 years.

On July 10, 1910, he married Alice M. McCoy, who survives together with one son, Harry Wil-

liam Lewis, Canonsburg, R. D. 2; one daughter, Sarah, wife of John Knestrick, Washington, and four grandchildren.

He also leaves one brother, J. Osborne Lewis, Canonsburg, and four sisters: Mrs. W. J. McKenery, Canonsburg; Mrs. J. E. Boag, Niles, O.; Miss Margaret Lewis, Canonsburg, and Mrs. Ralph Turner, Niles, O.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilson, Rea, Oct. 31, 1944, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Wilson is the former Sarah Craft.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Adamson at the Washington Hospital, Sunday, Oct. 29, 1944, a daughter, Catherine Louise.

Burgettstown Couple Will Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hulick, Short street, Burgettstown, have issued invitations to a family dinner to be held in the First United Presbyterian Church dining room, Wednesday evening, Oct. 11, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The dinner will be served to members of their family by the Ladies Aid Society of the church.

At their home Wednesday the Hulicks will hold a reception for friends from 1 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 10 p. m.

The couple moved to Burgettstown in 1906 and have made their home there for 38 years. They are the parents of eight children, two of whom are deceased: George W. and Sarah M. Members of their family are Cpl. Melvin, Jr., of Hazelwood, who recently returned from duty in Iran and is now at a Miami Beach, Fla., hospital, and S3/c James A. Hulick, Fayette City, who is on duty somewhere in the Pacific; Mrs. Alice Buckle, New Castle; Mrs. Edith Roberts, Canonsburg; Robert Vance Hulick, Burgettstown; Mrs. Myrtle Whitman, Carnegie; 11 grandsons and seven granddaughters.

Three grandchildren are in service. They are Sgt. Wilma Buckle, of New Castle, who is stationed at Indianapolis, Ind., with the WAC;

Donald Buckle, who is a glider pilot with the Army Air Corps in England, and Cpl. William Hulick, Woodville, who is with the Infantry on foreign service.

Bessie Chambers, Mrs. Hulick, who was a daughter of the late B. H. and Rachael Chambers, was born in Coraopolis, Sept. 3, 1875, and until her marriage was a practical nurse. Melvin A. Hulick, son of the late Franklin and Mary Ann Hulick, was born in Wellsburg, W. Va., August 8, 1867. The Hulicks were united in marriage October 11, 1894, by Rev. O'Roshroh, pastor of the Montour Presbyterian Church. They went to housekeeping at Oakdale, where Mr. Hulick was employed in the oil fields. The Hulicks have been active and respected members of the Burgettstown community for many years. They are members of the First United Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Hulick, a member of the W. T. C. U., Rebekahs, Silver Cliff Temple, Pythian Sisters and the Order of Eastern Star and the Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion. She has two brothers, George Chambers, Eeverly, O.; Charles Chambers, New Brighton, and sister, Mrs. William McKnight, Crafton, who plan to attend the celebration. Friends are invited to call at the Hulick home on their anniversary.

JANET LAURIE BROWNLEE

Miss Janet Laurie Brownlee, 37, West Middletown, died yesterday morning after a long illness.

Born April 16, 1857, she was the third child of the late Rev. Dr. John T. Brownlee, former pastor of the Mt. Hope United Presbyterian Church, and of the late Mrs. Martha Ashton Brownlee.

Miss Brownlee was a graduate of the Washington Female Seminary, where her great-aunt, Mrs. S. R. Hanna, was principal for 40 years. After a few years of teaching in this vicinity, in 1887, she became principal of Dilworth Hall, the college preparatory school of Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh. When Dilworth was discontinued in 1916, Miss Brownlee was made assistant dean of the college, a position she held until her retirement in 1931.

An interest which afforded Miss Brownlee much pleasure was the Single Tax Movement and throughout her years in Pittsburgh, she was recognized for her participation in religious and social organizations, as well as for her educational work at P. C. W.

She is survived by three sisters and two brothers: Miss Sarah Brownlee, West Middletown; Mrs. W. R. Wilson, Ben Avon; Mrs. Joseph Hamilton, Washington; C. A. Brownlee, Hudson Falls, N. Y., and J. N. Brownlee, West Middletown. Among her nephews and nieces who are well known in this area is G. Ashton Brownlee. Miss Brownlee was more distantly related to members of other pioneer families of Pennsylvania. 10-11-44

German Parachute Received At Hickory

HICKORY, Oct. 26.—A German parachute, found near Metz, France, by Pfc. Edward Wert, husband of Mrs. Grace Wert, of this place, was exhibited by her brother, Tommy Cowden, at school here today. Pfc. Wert is on duty as a draftsman with Gen. Patton's army in France. Some of the heaviest fighting of the campaign in France has been staged in the Metz area. Mrs. Wert is the former Grace Cowden.

Buxton-Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Thompson, of Rea, announce the marriage of their sister, Miss Laura B. Thompson, of Mars, Pa., to Charles B. Buxton, of Valencia. The marriage took place at high noon on Thursday, Oct. 19, 1944, in the Thompson home near West Middletown, the former home of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Don P. Montgomery, of Youngstown, O., brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Roy Osborne, of Valencia. Only members of the immediate families were present. Supplementing the ceremony, luncheon was served.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Buxton was superintendent of the United Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Mars, Pa. Mr. Buxton is a partner in the firm of the Buxton Implement Company at Valencia.

Early in November Mr. and Mrs. Buxton will be at home at Valencia. Mrs. Buxton is a daughter of the late John L., and Ada McNary Thompson, natives of West Middletown section.

Weather Balloon Lands In County

HICKORY, Oct. 22.—A balloon sent up by the Weather Bureau at the Pittsburgh airport, containing instruments registering temperature, pressure and moisture, alighted in a tree top on the farm of Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mt. Pleasant Township, last night. The Martin farm is located three and one half miles southwest of Hickory.

The balloon of thin rubber had burst and a red silk parachute, to which instruments were attached, was caught on the tree. It was found this morning by Mrs. Martin's son, James. Instructions on the pasteboard package read that the instruments act as a radio broadcaster of temperature, pressure and moisture of air through which it passes. It stated that the balloon had been released in Pittsburgh Saturday, Oct. 21, at 11 p. m., and the recording instruments can be used again. It had been up to an altitude of 12 miles. Instructions were given for sending the package to the Pittsburgh weather station.

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Husking Title Won By Hickory

Robert Lowry Takes Bi-County High School Championship

WAYNESBURG, Oct. 26—Robert Lowry, Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School senior from Hickory, was crowned the individual corn husking champion of the eight vocational high schools in Greene and Washington counties, at a contest held this afternoon on the Frank Breese farm, in Center Township, Greene County, near Rogersville.

Lowry, center on the Hickory basketball squad and trombone player in the school band, scored 179 points as he husked 25 bushels of corn in two hours. He received a cash award of \$5.

The second place winner was Howard Crouse, student at Center Township High School, Rogersville. Edward Elias, also a senior at Hickory, won third place. Crouse scored 171 points, and husked 22 1/4 bushels. Elias husked 22 1/2 bushels and scored 169 points. Cash prizes of \$3 and \$1 were awarded Crouse and Elias.

Fourth highest individual score of 163 was made by Glenn Dinsmore, of Mt. Pleasant Township, who husked 24 bushels, and fifth place was won by Carl Watson, Center Township, with 160 points.

The team title was taken by Mt. Pleasant. William Briggs was the other member of the Mt. Pleasant team. The team as coached by G.

A. Bentrem and H. W. White, agriculture supervisors of the school. The team scored a total of 645 points.

The Hickory team was awarded a purebred gilt.

The contest, in which a full representation of 32 students participated, was sponsored by Center Township Vocational High School, of Rogersville.

Point scoring was on a basis of 20 for neatness of the fodder pile, 20 for freedom of ears from silk and flags, 20 for cleanness of fodder from unhusked corn, and five points for each bushel of corn husked.

Members of other teams and their coaches follow: Center Township—Jack Eagon, Carl Watson, Herbert Tharp and Howard Crouse, with Harold Stains, agriculture supervisor, as coach.

Jefferson High—John Gwynn, James Fox, Charles Grimes, Donald Burkett, with James Black, of the faculty, as coach.

West Alexander—Robert Beatty, Kenneth Tripp, Henry Richey, Howard Winters, with T. P. McCleary as coach.

Trinity—James Patterson, Michael Kajacic, Duane Sanders, Eugene Taggart, with Blaine Beeghly, agriculture supervisor, as coach.

Richhill Township High—Cecil Tedrow, Allison Campbell, Dale Whipkey, Willis Wright, and George Shearer as coach.

Waynesburg — Edward Lemon, James Calvert, Clarence Calvert, Jack Herrod, with Harley Swart, agriculture supervisor, as coach.

Claysville—Robert White, Carl Hancher, James McGuire, Robert Litman, with William T. Morgan as coach.

The contest was followed by a dinner in the Fort Jackson Hotel, Waynesburg, at which short talks were made by the various faculty members from the different schools and by some of the team members.

Joseph V. Rea Home Is Burned

10-24-44
Loss In Mt. Pleasant Township Fire Set At \$8,000

Fire which broke out about 11:15 o'clock last night destroyed the home of Joseph V. Rea, near the Rea Coal Mine, about three miles southeast of Hickory, with all contents. Loss was said to be at least \$8,000.

The cause was not definitely ascertained, but was believed to be defective wiring, as the flames broke out in a wall.

Mr. Rea, owner of the home, fought the flames until he was near exhaustion, and then was pulled from his blazing home by his son-in-law, Jack Scofield, who is in the Navy and was home on leave.

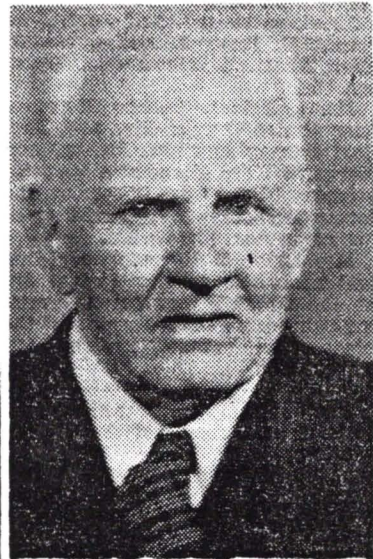
Houston firemen were called and fought the flames for more than an hour, and were able to save the meat house, only 20 feet from the blazing home, and other nearby buildings without damage except by scorching.

The Rea family was unable to save anything from their home. The house, which was the Rea homestead and had been the family home for many years, was remodeled about three years ago and much of it was newly furnished. In addition to much new furniture, the house contained family heirlooms which were highly valued.

The house stood in the southern part of Mt. Pleasant Township, on the old Houston-West Middletown road, between the McKnight bridge and Route 18.

LEWIS—Funeral services for M. E. Lewis, owner of the Meadowbrook Golf Course, Hickory, who died at Washington Hospital Monday night at 7:45 o'clock will be held from the Oliver Funeral Home, East Palestine, O., Thursday at 2:30 o'clock.

83 On Sunday



William B. Cowden, Hickory, will observe his 83th birthday Sunday, at his home. Mr. Cowden is an active dairy farmer and has spent his entire lifetime in the Hickory district.

To Observe Birthday Sunday

William B. Cowden, Hickory, will observe his 83rd birthday Sunday, and will receive his friends at his home. Mr. Cowden, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cowden, has spent his entire lifetime in Mt. Pleasant Township and has engaged in dairy farming for the past 35 years.

He is active in the management of his farm, delivers milk daily to the milk truck at Hickory and is interested in community, state and national events. Mr. Cowden as a lad remembers the hard times following the Civil War.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowden celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last February. Mrs. Cowden at present is confined to her home due to poor health. Both are members of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church.

Family Dinner At Hickory

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Paul, Hickory, entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of their sons-in-law and daughters, Lt. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Dalton.

Lt. and Mrs. Anderson left on Saturday for Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he will receive a new assignment. He is in the Air Corps. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, who reside in Clairton, were recently married.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. McDonald Weaver and Mrs. Margaret Irwin, Washington.

Boy, 16, Killed When Shotgun Is Accidentally Discharged

11-3-44

Washington County's first fatality of the small game season occurred yesterday when Glenn Yerkey, 16, of McDonald, R. D. 3, was accidentally shot and killed by a companion on a hunting trip in Cecil Township.

State Police and Deputy Coroner E. G. Wilson, of Midway, reported that a 12 gauge pump gun, carried by Ernest Bernard, Jr., also 16, of Cecil, discharged while the latter was emptying it of shells as the hunting party walked down a highway, known as the "ridge" road, just north of McDonald.

Young Yerkey, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Yerkey, was killed instantly, according to Dr. C. M. Hughes, of McDonald, who was summoned to the scene and pronounced the youth dead.

The fatal accident occurred shortly before 3 p. m., it was reported.

State Police reported the hunting party was composed of Yerkey, Benard, Paul Harrington, 14, James Harrington, 13, Charles

Cairns, 16, and Arthur Blair, 22, the latter four all of Cecil.

The young men had been hunting in a section between McDonald and Cecil and all of them had left the fields, police said, and were walking along a reddog road when Benard started to unload his gun.

Two shells were ejected, police said, when the third went off, the load striking Yerkey, who was about six or eight feet away, in the right shoulder and upper chest.

The shooting was held accidental by State Police and Deputy Coroner Wilson, who released Benard on his own recognizance.

"The Yerkey boy is survived by his parents and four brothers, Robert, 14; William, 12; James, 9, and Raymond, 6.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Cowden, McDonald R. D. 4, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lois Cowden, to Staff Sergeant Jesse C. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. George King, Houston.

Miss Cowden is a graduate of Hickory High School and at present is employed by the Citizens National Bank.

Sgt. King graduated from Canonsburg High School and is with the Army Finance Department at Fort Harrison, Ind.

No date has been set for the wedding.

EMMALINE COWDEN SMITH

Mrs. Emmaline Cowden Smith, 79, wife of the late Robert V. Smith, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 4 a. m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Knight, Emerson street, Craffton. She was a daughter of the late Robert S. and Margaret Allison Cowden, of Hickory.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Roberta S. Knight, Craffton; one son, Vance M. Smith, Hickory; one sister, Margaret Cowden, and two brothers, Joseph L. Cowden and Don M. Cowden, all of near Hickory. She also leaves 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

ALBERT PETTIBON

Albert Pettibon, aged 85, a retired farmer of Brooke County, W. Va., died Monday, Oct. 23, 1944, at 11:40 p. m. at the home of his son, W. H. Pettibon, Archer Hill road, Follansbee, W. Va.

A son of William and Catherine Ward Pettibon, he was born December 3, 1858, in Washington County. His wife died seven months ago. He was a member of the Bethel Methodist Protestant Church.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Irene Williamson and Mrs. Flora Latimer of the Cross Creek district; Mrs. Margaret DeGarmo, Washington pike; Mrs. Olive Cusick, and A. O. Pettibon, Wellsburg, W. Va.; T. L. Pettibon, Avella; M. S. Pettibon, Wheeling, W. Va.; and W. H. Pettibon, Follansbee, W. Va.; also 13 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

PETTIBON—Friends of Albert Pettibon, who died Monday, Oct. 23, 1944, at the home his son, W. H. Pettibon, near Follansbee, W. Va., are being received at the Chambers Funeral Home, 30 Main street, Wellsburg, W. Va., where funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 27, at 2 p. m. The Rev. J. W. Schrader of the Franklin Methodist Church will be in charge. Burial will be in Independence Cemetery. Chambers Funeral Home, Wellsburg, W. Va., funeral director.

LAWRENCE HAYS CAMPBELL

Lawrence Hays Campbell, died suddenly at his home in Midway November 26, 1944 at 11:45 o'clock. He was the son of the late John A. and Hannah Cummins Campbell, and was born in Cross Creek Township April 24, 1893.

He worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad for the past 26-years. In September 3, 1917, he was married to Lily Wallace. He had lived for the past 26 years in Midway.

Surviving are his wife, Lily Wallace Campbell, and the following children: James J., Mrs. Elizabeth Chapo, Wanda May, Garland, and Ronald. He is also survived by a brother, A. Cummins Campbell, Washington, and sisters, Mrs. Rachel Tuttle, Wellsburg, W. Va., and Mrs. Ethel Bell Hopkins, McKees Rocks; Mrs. Edith Peckens, Yates Center, Kans.; and Miss Pansy L. Campbell, Pittsburgh.

Pirih-Hobrat Wedding

Miss Dorothy Hobrat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hobrat, of Slovan, became the bride of Benjamin Pirih, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pirih, Burgettstown, R. D. 3, at a ceremony performed in the St. Hilary Church of Washington Saturday, Oct. 2, at 5:30 p. m.

The Rev. A. J. Zapora officiated. The bride wore a military suit of blue with fushia and blue accessories and wore a corsage of white roses and baby's breath. Mrs. Joseph Sweder, Slovan, aunt of the bride, was the matron of honor.

She wore a blue dress and corsage of red roses.

The best man was John Rozmus, of Slovan. Following the ceremony a dinner was served to 50 guests at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Joseph Sweder, Slovan.

The bride is a graduate of Burgettstown Union High School, class of 1943, and the bridegroom graduated with the class of 1937. The young couple are residing at the home of the bridegroom's parents at Burgettstown, R. D. 3.

MINNIE L. WALLACE

Minnie L. Wallace, 72, of Midway, died in the Sewickley Valley Hospital, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1944, at 9:47 a. m., following an illness of a week.

Mrs. Wallace, widow of James M. Wallace, was born June 28, 1872, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a daughter of Robert M. and Elizabeth McCalmont Cummins. Her husband died in October, 1942.

Mrs. Wallace was a member of the Center United Presbyterian Church at Midway, and of the Reformed Bible Class and Ladies Missionary Society of the church.

She is survived by a son, Joseph W. Wallace, Midway, and the following brothers and sisters: William M. Cummins, Jennie M. Cummins and Charles M. Cummins, all of Midway, and R. Max Cummins, Pennsylvania Training School; and one granddaughter.

Cross Creek Pupils Are 100 Per Cent

Grade 7 of the Patterson Mills School, Cross Creek Township, taught by Mrs. Helen Brownlee, is reported 100 per cent in the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps. The goal set for the purchase of war equipment has been reached although the campaign does not close until Dec. 7. The pupils of the grade have been active, too, in the collection of waste paper and milkweed pods.

Memorial Service At Mt. Prospect Church

HICKORY, Dec. 3.—Memorial services for Pvt. Charles H. Dotts who was killed in action in Germany on Oct. 21, will be held in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, Dec. 8, at 8 o'clock. The service will be in charge of the Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the deceased.

WILLIAM EDWARD SHARP

William Edward Sharp, 88, for 38 years a resident of Midway, died at the Carolyn Convalescent Home, South Main street, Friday, Dec. 1, 1944 at 5:50 p. m., following an illness due to his years.

Mr. Sharp was born at Nobles-town, Dec. 6, 1858, a son of Edward and Rachel Blackburn Sharp. He had spent practically his entire life in the Panhandle district. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

He married Jane Berlin, who preceded him in death, in 1885. Two daughters survive, Mrs. George Mumper, of Midway, and Mrs. James Mumper, of Akron, O. He leaves 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Nellie Dunlap, Canonsburg; Mrs. Ila Berlin, Canonsburg; Mrs. Rose Lewis, Woodville; Charles Sharp, Hickory; Mrs. Jarvey Heidler and Mrs. Harriett Stewart, both of Lakeport, Calif.

Deer Reported Seen On Mt. Pleasant Farm

HICKORY, Nov. 12.—Mrs. Hannah Martin and son, James, report having seen an antlered deer on their farm in Mt. Pleasant Township recently. When first seen it was grazing in a pasture field. Later it was seen to start on a brisk run, leaping a fence and continuing for parts unknown.

George Johnson Claimed By Death

Was Prominent Canonsburg Business Man For Many Years

CANONSBURG, Aug. 17.—George Lawrence Johnson, one of the most prominent business men and realty brokers in this district, died today at 6 a. m. at the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. Death followed a long period of indisposition which resulted in his removal to the hospital six weeks ago.

Mr. Johnson, a son of John Gibson and Anna Morrison Johnson, was born at Cross Creek on December 21, 1875. He came to Canonsburg with his family in 1893 and attended the Jefferson Academy. When it was merged into W. & J. College, he completed his education at the college.

For seven years after graduation he was identified with the firm of Thomas & Company, furniture builders and retailers in Pittsburgh. He then returned to Canonsburg where he has since conducted his own business of mortgages and investments and

KASSAU—Funeral services for Mrs. Hanna H. Kassau, who died suddenly Tuesday, August 15, 1944, will be held in the late home 219 Station street, McDonald, Thursday, August 17, at 2 p. m., in charge of the Rev. Dr. S. A. McCollam, pastor of the First U. P. Church, McDonald. Burial will be in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Pettit Funeral Home, McDonald, funeral director.

MRS. MARTHA VANCE

Mrs. Martha Vance, 91, the oldest resident of Cross Creek Township, died Sunday, December 3, at the Washington Hospital.

Mrs. Vance, lifelong resident of the Cross Creek district, was born in the old Allen homestead, south of Cross Creek, on March 12, 1853, a daughter of the late Samuel and Ann Cole Allen.

On December 5, 1883, she was united in marriage to Joseph Vance, Smith Township, who preceded her in death in 1935. She was a faithful member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are three children: Bert Vance, Avella; Mrs. Nellie Kharas, Cross Creek, and Mrs. Ethel Cowden, Washington; 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Agnes Keys, Chickasha, Okla.

Casciola-Fratoni Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Casare Fratoni, Avella, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nellie, to Alfonso Casciola, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Casciola, Sr., of Rea.

The couples were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, at Avella, by the Rev. Father F. M. Hoffman.

The bride was attired in a green suit with which she wore black accessories. Her corsage was of white roses.

The bride's sister, Miss Yolanda Fratoni, as bridesmaid, wore a gold-colored suit with black accessories. Sylvester Casciola, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man.

Following the ceremony a dinner was held at the home of the bride with members of the immediate families present. 11-16-44

Monday, Dec. 4, 1944 Washington Observer Three

Can Make Money On Farm, Say Independence Brothers

David and Emerson Narrigan, who operate one of the best farms in Independence Township, still are of the opinion that a good return can be realized from a farm "if the farmer sticks to his knitting and does not spend most of the time on the roads."

Last week the Narrigan brothers sold at the West Alexander auction a sow that tipped the scales at 560 pounds for \$13.10 per hundred or a total of \$73.36. This sow last March produced a litter of nine pigs and these nine hogs, now ready for the butcher, will weigh on an average of 275 pounds. The nine pigs will weight 3,035 pounds

and bring at least \$497.59. However the Narrigans believe that the nine pigs on auction would bring a better price.

From six acres of ground this year, the Narrigans cribbed 26 wagon loads of corn which would average more than 50 bushels per load or a total of 1,200 bushels, 200 bushels to the acre. The ears are all uniform and few soft ones. In addition to this year's crop they have upwards to 800 bushels of old corn.

The Narrigans are farmers of the old type and believe in the old customs of early to bed and early to rise, everything in its place, and everything done at the proper time.

Good Apple Crop Reported By Hickory District Growers

Mt. Pleasant Township, devoted largely to agriculture and dairying, has a number of horticulturists, a few of whom are commercial growers, while the majority cultivate orchards during spare time from other gainful employment.

Successful orchardists in the township share success with dairymen and sheep breeders, many of whom, through careful purchase and breeding, are the owners of flocks and herds.

In a survey of "who's who" among orchardists of the township, the following are sketched:
JOHN E. BROWN

Results of some 30 years, care of his orchards are being reaped by John E. Brown, McDonald, R. D., who had an average crop of apples—approximately 4,000 bushels—Baldwins and Mackintosh found ready sale among patrons who came to his home. He plans to carry most of his crop through the winter in his electrical refrigeration plant, placing them in market later in the season. Mr. Brown also operates a cider press, by which he disposes of inferior sized apples.

MRS. E. N. PHILLIPS

A. E. Miller, an employe of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, has utilized his spare time by caring for the apple orchard of Mrs. E. N. Phillips for the past two years. Varieties cultivated in this orchard include: Delicious, Winesap, Wealthy, Baldwin, Northern Spy and other old time favorites. An estimated crop of 400 bushels was harvested this fall.

S. E. MILLER & SON

S. E. Miller & Son, Edwin, McDonald, R. D., divide their time between horticulture and dairying, at present having an exceptionally fine herd of Jerseys developed by careful breeding.

Miller states that with his son, James, serving in the armed forces on Trinidad Island, and with farm labor scarce, his orchards did not receive sufficient care for production of a maximum crop this season. Standard varieties of apples supply the family.

W. E. BROWN

W. E. Brown owns his home and 25 acres of land east of Hickory where he specializes in horticulture and raising evergreens. From his 200 apple trees he estimates that he picked 1,000 bushels of choice fruit this season.

While, for the most part the fruit is of uniform size, some damage was caused by hail last summer and the heavy rains prevented full control of scab—a disease common in orchards. The apples will be sold in Pittsburgh markets, and the evergreens will be disposed of to holiday trade. Mr. Brown, an electrician, is employed at the Westland mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

V. M. PAUL

V. M. Paul who resides one mile south of Hickory, an employe of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad Company, cultivates a fruit orchard in his spare time, producing fruit that compares favorably with that grown on a

commercial scale.

By wise selection of varieties, Mr. Paul supplies his family with fruit throughout the season. Of the 10 or more standard varieties of apples grown, his best varieties are the Red Noka, an early variety and the Triple Red. In order to carry part of the crop into the winter, he has completed a frost-proof storage plant.

He estimates that after supplying home needs, he will have 100 bushels of late varieties. A small quantity of fruit was shipped to Washington, D. C., and some was shipped to Texas. Besides apples, Mr. Paul has a choice variety of small fruits on his six-acre farm.
LOYAL MARQUIS

Loyal Marquis, Hickory-Burgettstown road, while engaged in general farming, reports that he gathered approximately 200 bushels of choice apples from his orchard this fall, but due to the scarcity of labor, not all the crop was harvested. For the most part the apples are being sold in local markets. Varieties included Baldwin, York, Imperial, Jonathan, Red Delicious and Stark.

JOHN C. BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Brown take great pride in their beautiful country home on Route 18, one and three-quarter miles from Hickory, with its surroundings of evergreens and productive fruit trees.

Mr. Brown, a member of the Brown-Cowden Electrical Company, Hickory, is now an electrical engineer employed by the Cyanamid Chemical Corporation of Bridgeville. Since purchasing the farm 10 years ago, a variety of all kinds of fruit has been cultivated and at the present some 500 apple trees are in a flourishing condition, the majority of which have not yet reached the productive stage. From the few which are bearing, Mr. Brown estimates 25 bushels of perfect fruit were picked this fall. Standard varieties were selected when the apple orchards were planted.

LOUIE PHILLIPS

Louis Phillips, a stone mason by trade, has utilized his spare time to advantage in cultivating fruit trees and doing truck gardening. On his farm of 10 acres purchased some 30 years ago on the outskirts of Hickory, he has a good yield of apples of the standard varieties annually. Spraying three times benefitted his crop of some 200 bushels of apples this season. Mr. Phillips, a native of Sunny Italy, also has a productive vineyard, which yields fine crops annually.

WILLIAM BROWN

William Brown, McDonald, R. D., has found it profitable to share his time between caring for a herd of Guernsey cattle and an orchard of some 200 apple trees. He states he harvested an average crop this fall which was marketed in surrounding towns. He found demand for Baldwins, Red and Yellow Delicious, Yellow Transparent, Wealthy and Duchess varieties.

Studa Man Sent To Workhouse

12-12-44

John Cruny, Jr., of Rea, R. D. 1, entered a plea of guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of Joe Martinella, 49, yesterday and was sentenced to pay the costs, fine of \$1.00 and to serve one year and 11 months in the workhouse.

The evidence placed before the Court showed that Martinella was knocked down by Cruny. His head struck the sidewalk and caused his death. It was shown that Martinella did not strike Cruny but was intoxicated apparently. The trouble occurred in front of a beer garden at Studa. It was said that the defendant was looking for two other men, when Martinella said, "What's the matter with that guy? Is he crazy?"

It was shown by the District Attorney that the defendant had been in trouble before. The Court was informed that in 1938, he and sev-

eral others were arrested at the instigation of farmers near Eldersville, where it seems they had attacked Clifford Gillespie and Craig Polen. He later went to Panama where he worked for a time and then returned to New York and went to Detroit. He worked at Dearborn, Mich., where he was arrested twice.

He is one of seven brothers, six of whom are in the armed service. He had received notice from his draft board to report and was at home waiting the call when he got into trouble again. His counsel made a plea to allow him to go to army, but Judge Carl E. Gibson checked this plea by stating there have been unfavorable reactions from men released to go to the army. The Court said that there are many high type men in the armed service and they resent criminals being released to enlist. He said that he was not going to send any more to the army.

December 18, 1944. James Alexander Patterson et ux., Avella, to Laurence W. Truver et ux., Goliards Cove, W. Va., 7.89 acres in Jefferson Township; \$1.

D. C. FULTON

D. C. Fulton, former resident of Florence, died at his home in Canton, O., Monday, Dec. 25, 1944.

Mr. Fulton, a prominent farmer, was born in Hanover Township, and resided for many years in the Florence district until moving to Canton a few years ago.

Typical Scene As Motorists Are Caught By Heavy Snow



Hundreds of motorists were caught without chains as snow fell continuously here yesterday for hours and the scene above was typical throughout the district. Traffic of all kind was impeded, especially on the highways. No serious accidents were reported, however. Thirteen inches of snow had fallen about 12 o'clock last night.

Present Snowfall Of 18 Inches Is One Of Heaviest Of Record In District 12-13-44

With approximately 18 inches of snow having fallen early last night, the snowstorm which has held this district in its grasp for two days is one of the heaviest on record.

The two heaviest snowfalls of which records were made and kept occurred Dec. 17, 1890 when 22 inches fell, and on Feb. 18, 19 and 20 of 1927 when a total of 22 inches fell in three days.

If the present storm continues through today, there is a possibility these two records may be equalled.

In March of 1923, 21 inches of snow fell.

Although there is no record of actual and careful measurement, from "two to six feet of snow" fell Nov. 8 and 9, 1913. A Waynesburg & Washington railroad train was stalled for 48 hours just beyond Braddock Station, passengers living in farmhouses of the district during that period.

Other heavy snowfalls include 18 inches Jan. 8 and 9, 1886 and 15 inches March 5, 1902.

On the average, about 10 inches of snow is the equivalent of an inch of rain. The water content of snow varies of course in the degree of its wetness and dryness.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1943

Society

Wert-Cowden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ard Cowden, McDonald, R. D. 4, announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace to Edward Wert of Ambridge, son of Mrs. Emilie Wert of Worland, Wyoming. The marriage was solemnized at the bride's home on Monday, Dec. 28. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. L. Stevenson, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

The bride is a graduate of the Mt. Pleasant Township High School and Pennsylvania State College. Mrs. Wert has been employed as home economics teacher in the Hatfield Consolidated Schools, Hatfield, Pa.

Mr. Wert is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and is employed as an engineering draftsman at the American Bridge Co., Ambridge. The couple will make their home at Baden, Penna.

Traffic Snarled By Heavy Fall; Storm General

Transportat. Systems Feel Impact Of Con. ^{White A. D. 12-12-44}

13-INCH FALL H. ^{12 July 1945}

The season's first heavy snow-storm, moving out of the mid-west where 22 persons died in traffic accidents, struck Washington County and Western Pennsylvania yesterday, blanketing the area with a fall ranging up to at least 13 inches.

Automobile traffic was snarled and street cars and buses ran far behind schedules as transportation systems felt the full impact of the storm.

Early this morning, State Police and Automobile Club officials warned motorists against travel without chains.

The entire manpower and equipment of the State Highway Department and the Pittsburgh Railways were mobilized to keep major highway arteries open, but while they were able to move the snow and slush they could do little to combat stalled automobiles.

No serious automobile mishaps were reported in the Washington County area by State Police, who added that traffic on the highway was light.

War plants were affected, officials reporting they were receiving calls from many workers who said they would be unable to report to their jobs.

No immediate relief was in sight early today, with the weather forecast being "windy and colder with snow flurries."

Thousands of Christmas shoppers were caught in traffic jams in Pittsburgh, described by a Pittsburgh Railways official as "the worst we ever experienced."

Local trolley service, as well as interurban service, was hit hard. A trolley wire snapped in South Main street, at Wheeling street, shortly before 4 p. m., necessitating a shuttle service in the business district on the Jefferson-Maiden line. Stalled autos also blocked the rails and cars ran behind schedule. Interurban cars were getting through between Washington and

Pittsburgh, but were reported as running late.

Blue Ridge Lines here reported that all out-going bus service was halted for over two hours, beginning at 6 p. m., resuming when State Highway Department officials gave the "all clear" on major highways. City bus service was cut off at 6:30 p. m. Buses were placed on a skeleton schedule to Pittsburgh, Uniontown, Wheeling and Morgantown, with only service disrupted to Steubenville.

The State Highway Department reported 135 men, 25 trucks and all other heavy equipment were on the job, clearing main traffic routes in the county, but no secondary roads were expected to be reached until some time during today.

The temperature dropped from 33 degrees at noon, when the storm first struck this district, to 28 degrees at midnight, the Citizens' Water Company pump station reported. The snowfall was reported there as 13 inches.

School buses in many sections were from two to three hours late in their schedules. Many schools announced that no classes would be held today, with a further curtailment depending on weather conditions.

Snow-laden telephone wires in some communities snapped and crews were out most of the night, restoring service. No serious disruption in electric service was reported.

Most farmers and stock raisers believed stock had been sheltered in anticipation of an adverse change in the weather and that any loss would not be of a serious nature.

In Harrisburg, the State Highway Department, according to an Associated Press dispatch, reported snow ranging up to five inches in three-fourths of the state, with the heaviest fall in Somerset County.

The storm swept eastward across the state after blanketing most of Western Pennsylvania.

In Pittsburgh, hotels were besieged by hundreds of stranded persons seeking accommodations for the night. All airline flights were canceled.

Two Allegheny County highway employes were seriously injured when a truck skidded off the Cliff Mine road in Moon Township and ploughed into a group of workmen who were gathered around a fire.

In Warren, a garter snake, oblivious to the freezing temperature and snow-packed ground, was reported crawling about on a pavement.

The first death directly attributable to the storm was reported from Markleysburg, Fayette County, where 10-year-old Robert Humberton was killed last night while coasting. His sled ran beneath the wheels of a truck whose driver said his vision was obscured by the falling snow.

Seven to eight inches of snow was reported in Fayette County, and the State Highway Department had 33 plows and 25 trucks working all night to clear main highways. An attempt was being made to open roads leading to the major coal mining plants.

No Classes For Some Schools

Due to yesterday's heavy snow-storm, a recess from classes for some district schools was announced for today, while others announced a curtailed schedule.

There will be no classes at Trinity High School today, Principal James R. Braden announced.

All Washington schools, including the high school, will be closed this morning, but regular afternoon classes will be held.

In East Washington, there will be no classes this morning in the grade and high school building. Usual afternoon classes will be held.

There will be no school today in Mt. Pleasant Township, the holiday declared for the high school and grade schools at Hickory, Westland and Primrose.

No classes will be held today in Chartiers Township, the announcement covering the high school and the Cross Roads, Midland, Moninger and Meadowlands grade schools.

There will be no classes today in the schools of Morris Township, Cecil Township, Amwell Township, South Strabane Township, South Franklin Township, Jefferson Township and Canton Township, it was announced.

There will be no classes in Hopewell, Cross Creek and Beach Knob schools in Cross Creek Township, Avella, Patterson's Mills and Cedar Grove will continue their regular schedule.

The West Alexander school will hold classes for the students who live in the town. No buses will be dispatched.

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First Real Snow He Ever Saw Is Real Fun For Hickory Lad

HICKORY, Dec. 17—What a boy of eight years will do with the first heavy snow he has ever experienced is a question being answered here.

Ronnie Crowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Crowley, is providing the answer. The family moved here in May, 1943, from Paris, Ark., and last winter Ronnie saw only light snows.

However, last Tuesday, when motorists, truckers, dairymen, householders and others were bending every effort to keep things moving, neighbors saw the healthy youngster having the fun of his life in 16 inches of snow. He was really making the best of a not-

unwanted school holiday. He found it great sport to wade into a drift until he floundered beyond his depth, and then to dig himself out and try another drift. Neighbors observed him still rolling in the snow as dusk merged into night.

Thursday Ronnie found a new sport. A crust had formed over the drifts, and Ronnie learned what fun it was to make tunnels through the drifts.

With softer weather or with other snowstorms later in the winter neighbors expect to watch Ronnie learn what sport it is to make snow men or to roll giant snowballs down hill. And, of course, there will be the sport of throwing snowballs at his pals.

Highway Crews Strive To Keep Open Main Roads

12-13-44
Bus Service Is Crippled Out Of Local Terminal

MORE SNOW TODAY

Washington County early today remained in the grip of the winter's worst storm which blanketed the district with snow ranging in depth up to nearly 18 inches and crippled transportation, curtailed war plant production and closed schools.

The storm was expected to carry well through its third day, with a weather forecast of windy and colder with snow flurries today.

As the temperature fell into the low twenties last night, sharp wind whipped up drifts in rural regions and virtually all secondary and rural roads in the area were reported as hopelessly impassible.

During the last 48 hours the storm has gripped Washington County, no deaths or serious accidents attributed to the heavy snow have been reported.

The snowfall here was officially recorded as approximately 18 inches late last night when the temperature, continuing a steady drop, fell to 22 degrees at midnight.

The storm, characterized as more inconvenient than disastrous, struck hardest at transportation systems.

Due to condition of highways, which alternately were reported cleared and then impassible in places due to drifts, the Blue Ridge Bus Lines suspended service to all points from the local terminal at 8 p. m., holding hope that near normal operations could be resumed today.

All local trolley lines were operating on schedule, Pittsburgh Railway officials reported. Interurban service to and from Pittsburgh was running behind schedule, but cars were getting through.

State Police in the district, as well as motor club officials, advised motorists not to travel unless it was necessary. Use of chains on all cars was urged.

Meanwhile, the State Highway Department intensified efforts to keep open all main arteries of traffic in this county, with all equipment and manpower being thrown into the task. No secondary roads have been touched as yet.

Industry was expected to resume more normal schedules today. Locally, absenteeism at plants due to the storm was described as remarkably low, ranging generally from five to 15 per cent, with workers from rural sections accounting for the larger part.

War plants throughout the Monongahela Valley operated, some short-handed, as workers straggled in late.

Many schools suspended classes yesterday. City schools will resume regular schedules today. Others will remain closed until Thursday and still others are awaiting further storm developments before making announcements.

A West Penn Power Company crew from Washington reported marooned in the Marianna district, came in several hours late after their truck was held up by another vehicle which blocked the road. The power company reported no serious trouble last night.

Teacher Severely Injured In Fall

12-20-44

Falling on the ice and snow yesterday as she was reporting for her second day as teacher to fill in during the emergency, Mrs. Homer Lowry, of Hopewell Township, dislocated an ankle and suffered the fracture of a small bone in the leg. Mrs. Lowry was removed to the Washington Hospital for treatment.

Mr. Lowry is a member of the faculty of Washington High School and formerly served as principal of the Fifth Ward School.

Automobiles abandoned on city streets created a traffic problem, police reported.

Reports of the depth of the snow varied all over the county. At Claysville, 19 inches was reported. In that area, as well as several others, milk dealers, used sleds to make deliveries.

Wounds Cause Loss Of Both His Legs

Dec '44

Word has been received in Washington of the condition of Corporal Robert F. Palmer, Butler, whose wife, Eleanor Farner Palmer and two-year-old son Bobby have been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Farner, former residents of West Hallam avenue, now living in Huntingdon.

Corporal Palmer is hospitalized at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., recovering from wounds received while serving with the armored forces in Germany, wounds which were so severe that both legs had to be amputated.

The action in which Corporal Palmer was wounded took place September 14. The vehicle in which he was riding was put out of commission and he was wounded trying to escape. He lost his right leg in the action and his left leg was so severely mangled that it had to be amputated when hospitalized in England.

Corporal Palmer was inducted into the Army August 17, 1943 and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. Later he was transferred to Ft. George G. Meade, Md., and arrived in England in February of 1944. He landed in France in July.

Fire Destroys Hickory Store

Allison Brothers
Estimate Loss In
Blaze At \$13,000

HICKORY, Dec. 13—A farm implement store, owned and operated by Allison Brothers, of Hickory, was completely destroyed by fire which broke out in the building about 7 o'clock tonight. The building and contents were a total loss, it was reported, estimated at \$13,000.

The two-story frame building, 25 by 80 feet, was located near the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad Station.

An overheated gas stove was believed to have started the fire. No one was in the building at the time.

When discovered by neighbors, fire was pouring from windows on the second floor and the building burned quickly. Firemen from Slovan and Houston arrived in record time, considering the condition of the roads, and turned attention to saving a nearby frame building owned by C. B. Sharp. Other adjacent properties which were endangered for a time included those of C. C. Coates, James Caldwell and W. S. Scott.

Allison Brothers estimated the value of the building at \$3,000 and contents at \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.

Contents included two trucks, a new tractor, a new grain combine just set up for next year, a welding outfit never used, and a large consignment of farm machinery, ordered two years ago, which arrived just a week ago. Tractor tires, barb wire and binder twine were also among the contents.

Allison Brothers, who also operates a hardware store here, had owned the building since 1938. Built in 1910, it was formerly a feed store and livery barn.

Junior Class Dance At Hickory Friday Night

HICKORY, Dec. 27—The Christmas dance, sponsored by the Junior Class of the Mt. Pleasant Township High School, will be held Friday night Dec. 29, at the High School gymnasium. This dance was postponed from December 20 due to weather conditions. Paul Hickson and his orchestra will play for dancing from 8:30-12:30 o'clock.

Carroll-Jackson Wedding

The marriage of Miss Jean Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jackson, 150 Penn street, to James Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyck C. Carroll, Buffalo, took place Wednesday night, Dec. 20, at the home of the bride.

The Rev. A. I. Dickinson, pastor of the Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony.

The wedding vows were exchanged before a mantle embanked with palms, ferns and holly.

Preceding the ceremony Harold Glaum sang "I Love You Truly" and Mrs. Carl Meloy sang "O Promise Me." Mrs. C. R. Glaum, aunt of the bride, played the wedding march.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, three-quarter length sleeves and a full skirt. Her shoulder length veil fell from a satin tiera which was embroidered with seed pearls. She carried white roses and white sweet peas were attached to the streamer.

Mrs. Louis Lawton was the matron of honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a poudre blue gown with a taffeta bodice and a full net skirt. Mrs. Lawton carried yellow rose buds.

Louis Lawton was best man for Mr. Carroll.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for 25 persons at the home of the bride.

The bride graduated from Trinity High School in the June class of 1944.

The bridegroom served in the armed forces of the United States for two and one-half years and was honorably discharged from service on October 11 of last year. He is now employed by the Nehi Bottling Company.

Piatt-Holloway Wedding

Miss Mildred Irene Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Holloway, Rea, R. D. 1, became the bride of Gerald A. Piatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Piatt, Washington, R. D. 1, at a ceremony performed Saturday, Dec. 30, at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. John W. Love, pastor of the First Christian Church, performed the ceremony at his home, Allison avenue.

The bride was attired in a flowered jersey dress. She attended school at Eldersville. Mr. Piatt, who was graduated from Chartiers Township High School, is employed as an electric welder at the Tri-State Engineering Company, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Piatt are residing at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Wed Last Week



Mrs. James Carroll, above, was the former Jean Jackson before her marriage to James Carroll Wednesday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jackson, 150 Penn street, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyck G. Carroll, Buffalo. The marriage vows were exchanged at the home of the parents of the bride.

JAMES STEWART THOMPSON

James Stewart Thompson, for many years a well known farmer of Chartiers Township and a life-long member of the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church, died yesterday afternoon at 12:25 o'clock in the Carolyn Convalescent Home, East Beau street, following a lingering illness.

He had been a patient in the home for 14 months. ~~12-30-44~~

Mr. Thompson, the son of William and Rebecca Miller Thompson, was born at Hickory, February 10, 1867. At the age of six years he was taken by his family to a farm in Chartiers Township and on the farm stands the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church. He operated the farm until 17 years ago when he returned to Hickory.

He joined the Cross Roads Church early in life and was a loyal supporter of its program. He was also a director for many years of the Washington County Fire Insurance Company, resigning recently when compelled to do so by poor health.

Mr. Thompson had never married and was the last member of his family.

He is survived by three children of his sister, the late Mrs. David I. Peacock, who lived at Hickory. The surviving nieces are Anna, wife of Harvey E. Swartz, 240 Allison avenue, formerly of Hickory, with whom Mr. Thompson had made his home for nine years; Myrtle, wife of the Rev. Clyde L. Myers, Sharon, and a nephew, William T. Peacock, Rochester.

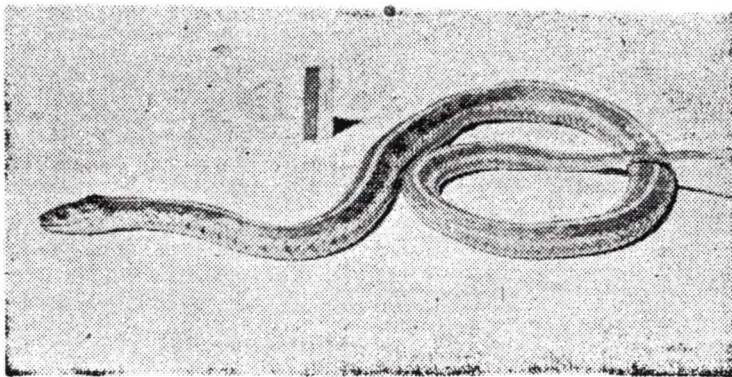
MAROONED IN ERIE SNOW



Some idea of the trials and tribulations confronting Erie County motorists this winter may be gained from the above photo showing a car, nearly covered by snow, that had to be dug out by the Army. More than 100 inches of snow fell in Erie county since December 11. Standing atop the snow bank is Clarence Pulling (?), deputy coordinator of the Erie County Disaster Committee.

Garter Snake Crawling On Ice And Robin Are Harbingers Of Spring

1-19-45



Killed in Cross Creek District This Week

Spring may not be far distant, if the activities of animal life are to be accepted as harbingers.

H. T. Balmer, Houston restaurant proprietor, made a trip to Cross Creek Wednesday, Jan. 17, to visit his father, N. T. Balmer, on his 75th birthday. Standing on the porch, about

ready to leave, he was amazed to see a garter snake 26 inches long, crawling across the snow and ice at a very lively rate.

Monday of this week, Joseph Stegar, East Bethlehem Township farmer, reports having seen a robin perched in a poplar tree singing with all the fervor of early spring, despite the snow and ice and chilling breezes.

Many Schools To Remain Closed

New Storm Forces Postponement Of Reopening

Numerous county schools scheduled to open today following the holiday period, announced postponements due to the blizzard which swept the district yesterday and last night.

Washington, Trinity High and East Washington schools will open today as scheduled.

Township supervising principals who could be contacted reported as follows:

Amwell—To open today, further classes depending on condition of roads.

Buffalo—East Buffalo school, not to open today; White school to open; Highland, no school. Teachers of the Cleland and Rural Valley schools could not be contacted last night.

Canton—To open today.

Cecil—No school until January 8.

Bentleyville—Will open today.

Cross Creek—No school until further notice.

Centerville—No school today, but will open Wednesday.

Chartiers—No school today.

Claysville—Schools opened yesterday but were forced to close until Monday, January 8.

Donegal—Closed today.

East Finley—Schools closed today with the exception of Sawhill School.

East Bethlehem—Schools to open.

Hopewell—No school until further notice.

Hopewell Township bus transporting pupils to Trinity High School will operate today.

Independence—No school until further notice.

Jefferson—No school until further notice.

Morris—Opening is indefinite.

Mt. Pleasant—No school today, but officials plan for school Wednesday if roads are cleared.

North Franklin—School today. The township bus will transport pupils to Trinity.

Smith—No school today, including Union High School.

North Strabane—No school today or Wednesday.

South Strabane—School today.

Taylorstown—School closed indefinitely.

West Alexander—No school until January 8.

West Bethlehem—School today

Family Gatherings, Dinners Mark Holidays At Hickory

The observance of the fourth war-time Christmas in the Hickory community was less colorful than in pre-war years. However the Christmas spirit was ushered in early last week when following an annual custom 23 baskets of Christmas food and gifts for shut-ins and invalids were prepared and delivered by the missionary societies of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian and the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian churches.

In the churches Sunday morning special Christmas messages were delivered. Chaplain Joseph M. Hopkins, occupied the pulpit of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church and the Rev. C. S. Thomas conducted the services at his church, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian. Choirs in both churches presented special music and the children had a part in the program at the Mt. Prospect Church.

Groups from the Christian Endeavor and the young people's societies toured the community singing Christmas carols. A lighted candle in the window indicated to the carolers where to stop for presentation of carols.

Following the annual custom of many years the members of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, 125, Hickory, played Santa to the children of the community giving each a generous treat.

A number of families entertained at dinners.

H. B. Cowles and sister, Miss Della, had for their Christmas dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reynolds and daughters, Nancy and Jean and Mrs. Matilda Allison, Canonsburg, R. D. 1; Mr. and Mrs. John Bednar, Pittsburgh and Mrs. Robert Justus, Mt. Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Carter entertained at dinner in honor of their parents and families. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carter; Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McCarrell, Washington, R. D. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and children, Bobby, Birdie Gail and Marion, McDonald, R. D. 4; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carter and son, Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Leman McCarrell, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCarrell, Miss Marthetta McCarrell, Jerry McCarrell, Lois Anne McCarrell and Tommy Lee Carter.

Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, Jackson, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Patton, Washington; James P. McCarrell, Miss Mary Fox, Colrain, O., and Miss Mary Ferrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Berryhill entertained in honor of their children and their families which included Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brewster and daughter, Margie, State College; the Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Berryhill, Greenville; the Rev. and Mrs. Clair Berryhill and children Thomas, Charles and Susan Carol, Edgewood, Mrs. John Brewster, Pittsburgh, Mrs. Richard Simpson and Miss Lou Berryhill.

Guests in McCalmont Home

Miss Ellen McCalmont and her sister, Miss Elizabeth, had for dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Robinson and son, Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Green and sons, Jerry and Dannie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell entertained at Sunday dinner. Their guest list included their son Pvt. Jack Caldwell, student at the Virginia Military Institute; their daughters, Marjorie, student nurse, Washington Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carlisle and children, Aline, Dolores and Jimmie and Jerry, and Shirley and Barbara Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clara White entertained in honor of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. William Trenary of Lansing, Mich., and Mrs. White's brother, James Trenary, Mrs. Trenary and daughters, Loraine and Karen, Youngstown, O. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White and daughters, Martha, Ruth and Mary Vale; Miss Elizabeth White, Pittsburgh; Miss Mary

E. White; and Dorothy, Billy, Sam and George White.

Mrs. Alice Marquis and daughter, Miss Lela, Sheridan, were dinner guests of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Reedy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Colwes had for their dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. William Denny and Mrs. Letitia Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Mick entertained in honor of Mrs. Mick's parents and her sisters and Mr. Mick's niece. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Crow, Mrs. Mary Knupp and son, Bobby, Mrs. Gladys Kennedy, all of Washington and Miss Alice Chenoweth of Lost Creek, W. Va. Miss Chenoweth plans to spend this week with her uncle and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Gailey Wilson and children Suzanne and Bobby, Samuel Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kraft, Toronto, Canada, were dinner guests of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Taggart, Second street, Beaver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson entertained at dinner at their home on the Burgettstown road Sunday afternoon the following guests: Mrs. J. M. Marquis and son, Loyal, Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patterson, Canonsburg; and Miss Ethel M. Patterson, Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Powelson entertained in honor of their children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stewart and sons, James, Richard and Denny, Woodrow; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Findling and sons, Samuel, Daniel and Millard, Hickory, R. D., and Mrs. Charles Goga, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grimm and children, Jerry and Suzanne, Houston; Miss Pearl Powelson and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller and son, Rex.

Visit Aldersons

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alderson had as dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dalton, Clarion; Mr. and Mrs. Vern Alderson, Tarentum, and Mrs. Boyd Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phillips entertained at a family dinner. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. James McGugin, Mrs. Arthur Lawton and daughter, Jane, Washington, and Jimmie Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McCalmont had as dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. David F. Miller and sons, Audley and Donnie, Miss Ethel Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kehn and son, Sonny, J. M. Malone and Lucile and Donnie McCalmont.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Allison were Lt. Paul Thompson, Baltimore, and Mrs. Thomas Lt. (Jg) Jay R. Allison, Camp Edwards, Mass., Cadet Marion Allison, in training at the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Martha Jane Goodridge, Bud Allison and J. W. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Retzer had as dinner guests John T. Bartram and daughters, Mary Gail and J. e. Houston; Mr. and Mrs. William Bartram and son, Bobbie, Miss Lenore Retzer, student at Indiana State Teachers College, and Audrey and Rowena Retzer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Shillito and daughter, Mrs. William Brand were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Boak, Venice.

Mrs. Viola Frye entertained in honor of a number of their children and their families. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frye, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood and daughter, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sheller and daughters, Cora, Beverly and Connie, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Marquis and daughter, Patricia, Helen, Jean and Leroy, all of Hickory. Mrs. Rye has four sons in the service who were not able to be present: James, William, David and Leman.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Carlisle, Miss Lois Carlisle and S/Sgt. Robert Carlisle were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Carlisle.

New Officers of Hickory Club

The Woman's Club of Hickory met in the K. of P. hall last week with Mrs. Ralph Retzer presiding and conducted the devotions. Miss Elsie Cowden, teacher of English in the Hickory High School gave a review of "Good Night Sweet Prince." Miss Martha White was the guest soloist. Her selection was "Little Road to Kerry" by Cadman and "The Wind Speaks." Mrs. C. S. Thomas was accompanist.

The club voted \$10 to the Red Cross war fund. Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. Ralph Retzer; vice-president, Mrs. George Hopp; secretary, Mrs. William Miller; treasurer, Miss Marthetta McCarrell; library treasurer, Mrs. S. O. Scott.

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MISS ORA McCARRELL

Miss Ora McCarrell died at her home in Hickory, yesterday, January 26, 1945, after a lingering illness. She was the daughter of the late Dr. David M. and Adeline Cassidy McCarrell.

She had lived her entire life in Hickory.

Miss McCarrell was a graduate of Washington Seminary in the class of 1885, and was a piano instructor.

She was a charter member of the Woman's Club of Hickory and the Women's Christian Temperance Union and a lifelong member of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, where she belonged to the Sunday school and the Women's Missionary Society.

Surviving are two brothers: Dr. David L. McCarrell, and James P. McCarrell, both of Hickory. One sister, Mrs. Joseph W. Dunbar, died in 1907.

The following nephews and nieces survive: Dr. David M. Dunbar, Mrs. Roger K. Patton, Washington; Dr. David K. McCarrell, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Donald L. Campbell, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. John K. McCarrell, Hickory, and Sgt. James J. McCarrell, overseas.

HERSCHELL S. McDONALD

Herschell S. McDonald, Washington R. D. 5, died at his home yesterday.

He was born at West Finley May 15, 1880, the son of the late Simon and Samatha Nickeson McDonald.

Mr. McDonald was a farmer and had lived at the site of his late home for the past 20 years.

He was a member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah May Trabis McDonald; five daughters, Mrs. J. T. Patterson, Canonsburg; Margaret M. McDonald, at home; Mrs. George Vorhes, Washington; Hazel G. McDonald, at home; Betty J. McDonald, at home; four sons, Private Paul McDonald, serving with the United States Army overseas; Kenneth McDonald, at home; John H. McDonald, at home; Harry R. McDonald, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Andrews, Wellsville, O.; Mrs. Elizabeth Ritchey, Burgettstown; two brothers, Frank McDonald, West Finley R. D. 3 and Clyde McDonald, Washington R. D. 6.; and seven grandchildren.

SAMUEL A. RONEY

Samuel A. Roney, 85, well known and highly respected citizen of Hickory, died Friday, January 26, at 4:45 p. m., after an illness of the past four weeks. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Roney was born January 18, 1860, in West Virginia. He spent most of his life in Cross Creek Township where he followed farming. He was a member of the Hickory U. P. Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Homer Simpson, Rea, R. D. 1; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His wife died June 22, 1943.

RALPH C. FORNEY

Ralph C. Forney, 63, died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage at 6:45 p. m., Sunday, Jan. 7, 1945, in his home in Canton Township, Washington, R. D. 5. He had been in his usual health until about 4 p. m.

A son of Jonathan and Sarah Cracraft Forney, he was born at West Middletown, Feb. 25, 1882, and lived practically his entire life in Washington County.

For a number of years, Mr. Forney resided in Donegal Township, north of Claysville, until two months ago when he moved to the James D. Irwin farm in Canton Township.

In 1931, he was road supervisor of Donegal Township and for 12 years was a school director of Donegal Township, resigning when he moved to Canton Township.

Mr. Forney, last of a family of 12 children, leaves his wife, Elizabeth Morrow Forney; two daughters, June E. Forney, at home, and Mary Alice, wife of William F. Lewis, of Washington, and three nephews.

HAROLD LYNN SCOTT

Harold Lynn Scott, 428 28th avenue, McKeesport, died Wednesday, January 10, 1945, at 11:30 o'clock at his home. He was born September 26, 1901, in Hickory, a son of John T. and Nancy Crummy Scott. His death was sudden, he apparently having been in his usual health at the time he was fatally stricken.

He had been employed as main foreman at Christy Park Works, National Tube Company, McKeesport. He had made his home in Hickory until the last four years.

He is survived by his wife, Olive Retzer Scott and the following: a son, Seaman First Class Harold K. Scott, Clinton, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Russell, McDonald; and Miss Alverda Scott, Hickory; two brothers, John H. Scott, Rea; and Charles E. Scott, McDonald.

AGNES J. RUSSELL

Mrs. Agnes J. Russell, 82, of 518 Main street, Burgettstown, widow of John A. Russell, died at her home Thursday, Jan. 25, 1945, at 4:10 a. m., following a short illness.

Mrs. Russell was born, Nov. 27, 1862, near Burgettstown, a daughter of Mr. and Ms. R. K. Scott.

She was a life member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, of which her father was a charter member and elder before his death.

She is survived by two sons, Frank M. and Robert A. Russell, Burgettstown; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Welch, Cleveland, O., and Mrs. Myrtle Coventry, Crafton; a brother, Matthew W. Scott, California state; a sister, Mrs. T. F. Nicholls, Burgettstown, and eight grandchildren.

MRS. LAVINA ALLEN

Mrs. Lavina Allen, Cross Creek, died at 6 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 1945, at the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Allen was born Jan. 14, 1877, in Mercer County, and was a daughter of Eli and Nellie Robinson. She was married to James C. Allen, of Cross Creek, on June 10, 1908. Mr. Allen died four years ago.

Mrs. Allen was a teacher in the Cedar Grove School of Cross Creek Township for the last 23 years. She was an active member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, the Cross Creek Village Grange, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Bernice Smith, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Edna Griffith, of Cross Creek; three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Lou Consider, of Warren, Ohio, and Mrs. Bernard Nugent, of Sandy Lake, and three brothers, Norman and William Robinson, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Clark Robinson, of Avalon.

ALLEN—Funeral services for Mrs. Lavina Allen, of Cross Creek, who died Saturday, Feb. 10, 1945, will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, in charge of the Rev. Robert Shane. Burial in Cross Creek Cemetery. Lee and Wilson, funeral directors.

MRS. ANNA MCKINNEY

Mrs. Anna McKinney, 72, widow of Henry McKinney, 23 Dinsmore avenue, Burgettstown, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1945, at 12:30 a. m., in the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. Mrs. McKinney was ill in the hospital two weeks. She suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. McKinney was born in Homer City. She had resided in Burgettstown 35 years. She was an active member of the Christian Church of Burgettstown.

She is survived by a son, Roy Rummel, San Antonio, Tex., an adopted son, Leroy Malone, U. S. Army, in Hawaii; a sister, Nellie Kipp, Johnstown.

Buried in Ont Prospect Cemetery

MARY NARQUINI

Mrs. Mary Narquini, 57, of Burgettstown, R. D. 4, near Studa, died Sunday, January 7, at 6:45 a. m., in the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Narquini was born in Italy, March 27, 1887. She came to this country in 1921 and has been a resident of the Studa community since that time.

Surviving are her husband, Romolo Narquini, and five children: Teresa, Pittsburgh; Sgt. Charles, in Southwest Pacific, and Rose, Lena and Geno, all at home.

Burial at Cross Creek Cemetery

Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Phillis, residents of Cherry Valley quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Wednesday, January 24. The day was quietly observed with immediate members of the family, because Mrs. Phillis has been seriously ill.

The Phillis' were married in Pittsburgh, January 24, 1895, and have lived ever since in Cherry Valley, Burgettstown, R. D. 3. Mrs. Phillis is the former Susie Bell, daughter of the late John and Mary Scott and was born in Smith Township, Oct. 5, 1874. John Logan Phillis is the son of the late Mary Ann and Andrew Phillis and he, too, was born in Smith Township, March 24, 1871. Mr. Phillis is a farmer by occupation.

They are parents of three children. Carlisle S. of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, Mrs. Edna Allison of Archer Lane and John A. of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, eight grandchildren, including Sgt. Willard E. Allison who is with the United States Air Corps at Ft. Worth, Tex., and 2 granddaughters and one great granddaughter, Donna Lee Allison.

Mrs. Phillis has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown for over 53 years and a faithful member of the Ladies' Bible Class and the Women's Missionary Society. Mr. Phillis is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Men's Bible Class. He has served as a Director for the Smith Township School District.

John Mitchell Wedding

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1945

To Wed Soldier



The engagement of Leora M. Moore, above, to Technical Sergeant Perry B. Liggett has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Moore, Buffalo. Sgt. Liggett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry B. Liggett, West Middletown.

Longdon-Chapman Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reed Chapman, Prosperity, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Chapman, to Gibson Longdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Longdon, Dunn's Station R. D. 1.

The single ring ceremony was performed January 9 at the home of the Rev. C. E. Hamnett, 1045 Allison avenue, by the Rev. Mr. Hamnett, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The bride was attired in a green suit with which she wore black accessories.

Following the ceremony a dinner was held at the home of the bride's parents for the members of the immediate families.

The bride is a graduate of Washington High School and was formerly employed by the local Y. M. C. A.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Morris Township High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Longdon will live in Canonsburg.

Girl Is Fatally Injured Coasting

Jan 4, 1945
Eleanor White, 11,
West Middletown,
Dies In Local Hospital

A West Middletown girl was fatally injured and a local girl was seriously injured in a pair of coasting accidents in the district last night.

Eleanor White, aged 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White, Box 14, West Middletown, died in the Washington Hospital at 9:55 p. m., from internal injuries sustained when her sled collided with a parked automobile near her home.

The mishap occurred at 6:30 o'clock and the girl was rushed to the local hospital where she underwent an emergency operation. Death was due to internal injuries, hospital attaches reported.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Lloyd.

Bonnie Greer, aged 8, 335 Baird avenue, sustained a possible fractured skull when her sled crashed headon with another sled while coasting in Baird avenue last night at 9 o'clock. Her condition was described as "only fair" by hospital authorities early today.

January 4, 1945—William T. Dunbar, Cross Creek Township, to John Chechnuck Sr. et ux., Cross Creek Township, 109 acres and 148 perches in Cross Creek Township; \$1.

Westland Store Destroyed By Fire

Jan 2, 1945
Four Fire Companies Battle All-Night Blaze

The Federal Supply Company Store at Westland was destroyed Sunday night by fire that kept 100 members of four fire departments busy for a 12-hour period. There was no estimate made of the loss but it will run into several thousands of dollars.

The blaze started shortly after 7 p. m., Sunday, and it was after 7 a. m., Monday, before the flames were squelched. The blaze was fought by the Canonsburg, Houston, Slovan and Midway fire departments.

The fire is believed to have started from defective mechanism in the refrigeration system. Because of the dense smoke that poured from the large frame structure, it was difficult for firemen to locate the area of the fire and the blaze got considerable of a start before effective fire-fighting was possible.

Because of the close proximity of Chartiers Creek, there was an abundance of water available, and

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Hoot Of McGugin Owl Precedes Storm's Howl

HICKORY, Jan. 1.—The owl that lives back of "Jim" McGugin's home hooted Sunday morning.

The weatherwise in this section say when that owl hoots the weather howls. And, as every one knows by now, the weather started howling late Sunday and hasn't quit yet.

The weatherwise say also that the weather will continue to howl until the owl hoots again, and they do not say when that will be, or what will happen then. But the wind howls on.

Hickory

Born, To Lt. and Mrs. Sheldon Hensel in the Washington Hospital, on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1945, a daughter, Terrie Lynn. Mrs. Hensel is the former Martha Wilson, Washington, R. D. 3.

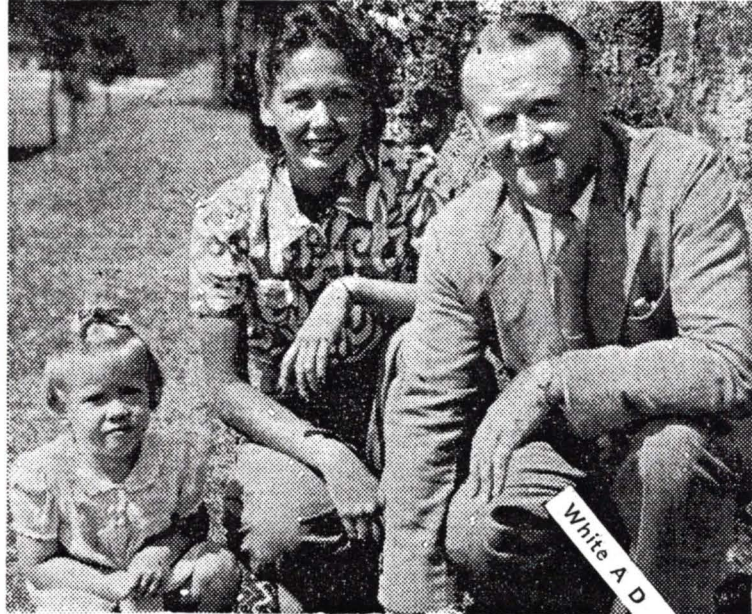
Born, To Mr. and Mrs. James R. Buchanan, Hickory, R. D., in the Washington Hospital, on Monday, Feb. 5, 1945, a daughter, Marilyn Joyce.

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County Man Rescued But Fate Of His Family Is Uncertain



Mr. and Mrs. A. Francis Lusk and daughter, Sara Jane. Relatives of A. Francis Lusk, member of a well known Eighty Four district family, received word yesterday that he was among the Americans rescued from a prison camp in the Philippines and that his condition was favorable. The brief message said a 25-word letter could be sent him.

No information was given as to the fate of Mrs. Lusk and the daughter, Sara Jane. The members of the Lusk family were imprisoned when the Japs invaded the Philippine Islands three years ago. The last message from them, a year and a half ago, said they were in the Santo Thomas University camp.

A. Francis Lusk, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lusk, went to the Philippines in 1927 as a school teacher. Later he engaged in business, conducting an athletic goods store. He married Ethel Armstrong, formerly of California state, who was, also, residing in the islands where her father was engaged in business.

Mr. Lusk is a brother of Max Lusk and Mrs. Hannah Gamble, of Eighty Four and Grover Lusk, Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Alma Brooks, Carnegie.

The statement his "condition was favorable" indicates that he was suffering from the effects of his long confinement by the Japs.

Engaged



The engagement of Miss Betty Lux Fotovich, of Rea, to Cpl. Elmer H. Rexroad, son of Mrs. Lilly Boggs, Spencer, W. Va., is announced by her mother, Mrs. John Fotovich. Cpl. Rexroad received his wings at Bergstrom, Tex., Army Air Field. He is now stationed in New York.

S. S. Convention Next Month

District Eight Sabbath School convention will be held in the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church, April 20 at 8 o'clock. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Clarence McCartney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Held In Theft At Eldersville

Truck Driver Nabbed At Store Where Money Was Stolen

David D. Lee, 45, Wheeling, W. Va., a truck driver, was committed to the County Jail last night on a charge of larceny in connection with the alleged theft yesterday of \$494 in cash and checks from the Gillespie Clover Farm Store, Eldersville.

Lee was arrested by Constable Mike Robb, Smith Township, and pleaded guilty at a hearing before Justice of the Peace W. D. Whalen, Jr., of Burgettstown. He was held for court and committed to jail in default of \$2,000 bond.

Lee, according to officers, stopped a packing company truck he was driving in front of Gillespie's store, entered and picked up a bag containing \$204 in cash and \$290 in checks from a counter and walked out.

Later, after tossing the checks into a field, he returned to the store and asked for traveling directions. E. M. Gillespie, proprietor, who meanwhile had telephoned Constable Robb, became suspicious and engaged Lee in conversation until the officer arrived and arrested the man.

The cash, the officer said, was found on Lee and the checks were later recovered.

MRS. W. L. McILVAINE

Mrs. Cora G. McIlvaine, 78, wife of William L. McIlvaine, a widely known woman, died Saturday, March 4, at midnight of coronary occlusion.

Mrs. McIlvaine was born in Somerset Township, Sept. 8, 1866, a daughter of Graham and Martha Hamilton Emery. She later resided in Mt. Pleasant Township, near Hickory, until her marriage to William L. McIlvaine Oct. 10, 1889. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1939.

Mrs. McIlvaine was a faithful member of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church and a member of the Ladies Missionary Society. She held membership in the Ginger Hill Community Club and was its president in 1928 and 1930. She was a member of the Ginger Hill Grange, 1549.

Besides her husband, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Lillie E. White, Washington; two brothers, B. A. Emery, Hickory, and Dr. W. V. Emery, Chester.

McILVAINE—Friends of Mrs. William L. McIlvaine, who died March 4, 1945, will be received at her late home, Bentleyville, R. D., Somerset Township, until Tuesday at 1 p. m. and later at the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church until 2:30 p. m., when funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Bruce Morgan. Burial will be in Church Cemetery. Jones & Thompson, Bentleyville funeral directors.

Boy, 16, Held In Attempted Killing

1-27-45
John Ritchey Is Fired Upon In Cross Creek Home

A 16-year-old boy who told police "I don't know why I did it" was held in custody yesterday, charged with attempting to take the life of John W. Ritchey, 61, farmer of Rea, R. D. 1, Cross Creek Township.

The boy, William Hogue, Avella, R. D. 1, was arrested by State Police not far from Ritchey's farm and was turned over to Juvenile Court authorities.

State Police were summoned to Ritchey's home when Ritchey reported he was shot at with a .22 caliber rifle while he was reading a newspaper in his home Thursday night.

The rifle bullet crashed through a window glass, through the paper Ritchey was reading, pierced his overalls and a heavy sweater and stopped in the heavy lining of a sheep wool lined vest after striking a button.

State Police said they found tracks in the snow beneath the window, leading to and away from the house.

Hogue, who at one time resided with Ritchey, who lives alone, was located yesterday morning on a farm not far from Ritchey's. Police said he could give no explanation for the alleged attempted killing.

JAMES ALEXANDER GIBSON

James Alexander Gibson, 72, husband of Ida Freshwater Gibson and a well known merchant of Florence, died in the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1945, at 11:20 a. m., after an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Gibson was born in Hanover Township, a son of James and Mary McCreary Gibson, and had spent practically his entire life in that district. He had operated a service station at Florence for the past 16 years.

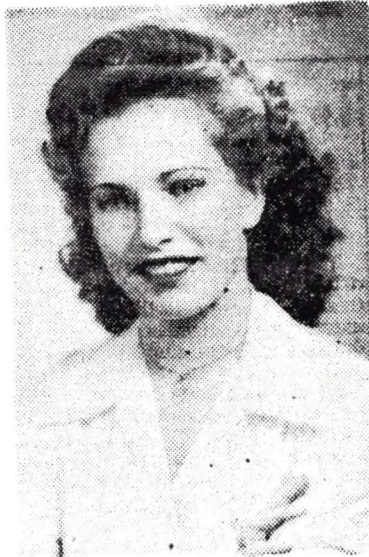
Active as a Mason, he held membership in Lodge No. 454, F. & A.M. Burgettstown and the Pittsburgh Consistory and Shrine. He was a member of the Florence Presbyterian Church. He was, also, a member of the Moose lodge, East Liverpool.

Besides Mrs. Gibson, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. George Potter, of Florence, and Mrs. John Danahey, Orlando, Fla.

BORN

To Lt. (j. g.) and Mrs. Harold E. Eckert, Tyrone, Feb. 25, 1945, a daughter, Mildred Elizabeth. Mrs. Eckert is the former Viola Phillips, Hickory.

May Queen



Miss Ruth Johnson, member of the Senior Class of Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School, Hickory, has been selected May Queen in preparation for the annual colorful May Day pageant, to be given May 30, by schools of Mt. Pleasant Township. Selection was made by vote of the Senior Class. Miss Johnson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Rea.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Moore, Buffalo, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leora M. Moore, to Technical Sergeant Perry B. Liggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry B. Liggett, West Middletown.

Sgt. Liggett is spending a 26-day furlough at home following the completion of more than 60 missions in the Italian Theater of War. Sgt. Liggett is a member of the United States Army Air Corps and is a gunner with a heavy bomber unit.

No date has been set for the wedding.

EARL W. HOOD

Earl W. Hood, 57, died Friday, Feb. 9, 1945, at his home at Bavington. He was a well known farmer of the district. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hood, and one son, Paul of Aliquippa.

MRS. KATHRYN K. HOLLAND

Mrs. Kathryn Keifer Holland, 27, wife of Fred Holland of Slovan, died at the Washington Hospital Sunday, Feb. 11, 1945, at 1 a. m. Survivors besides her husband are: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Keifer, of near Burgettstown; a sister, Jean Keifer, and a brother, Leslie Keifer, at home; Mrs. Raymond Hodge, Burgettstown, a sister; and Wayne Keifer, U. S. Navy in Italy, a brothe.

Studies For Degree



Miss Gretta Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Scott, McDonald, has returned to the University of Pittsburgh to complete work on her Doctor's Degree. She will be technical assistant to Dr. S. S. Sidhu, who is carrying on research for the Buhl Foundation. Miss Scott graduated from the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School in the class of 1939 and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Pitt. in 1943. Since then she has been employed as radiologist for the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation at the Pittsburgh plant. Along with her new duties, she will remain as consultant for the Radiator company.

HUGH H. BUCHANAN

The sudden death of Hugh H. Buchanan, a well known farmer of Independence Township, occurred yesterday, Tuesday, February 13, 1945, at 12:30 a. m. at his home near the Mount Hope Church. Mr. Buchanan, who had not been in good health for several years, had been about his farm work Monday morning, and in the afternoon complained of not feeling well and went to bed. At 11 o'clock he became worse and died at 12:30 o'clock. Mr. Buchanan, a son of William H. and Winifred Rea Buchanan, was born March 20, 1892, on the farm where he died. About 18 years ago Mr. Buchanan suffered an injury to his back while cranking a gasoline engine, and since that time had gone about his farm work on crutches. He was a member of the Grove U. P. Church at West Middletown and also of the Independence Grange. He is survived by his wife Alice H. Buchanan, and the following children: Kathryn and Darlene at home; Ruth, of Washington, D. C., and William H. of the U. S. Marines, serving in the South Pacific. The following brothers and sisters also survive: W. Verne Buchanan, of New Philadelphia, Ohio; D. R. Buchanan, of Washington; Mrs. J. A. Elliott, Newark, Ohio, and Mrs. Ross Leyda, of near Eighty Four.

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Landmark Burns In Mt. Pleasant

2-3-45

Loss estimated at \$4,000 resulted in a fire which razed a log house, said to be 125 years old, three miles south of Hickory, on Route 18, Thursday afternoon.

The house, a landmark in the Mt. Pleasant Township community was occupied by the Jay Kimbel family, and owned by John Mgrdichan, Hickory, R. D. 1, who had modernized the building with electricity, bath, furnace and an electric hot water heater.

An overheated furnace was blamed for start of blaze in which Mrs. Kimbel was burned while attempting to remove furniture and was taken to Washington Hospital for treatment. Other members of the family were taken to the home of a neighbor, Glenn Ashbrook.

The Houston Volunteer Fire Department answered a call and succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to a nearby house

The owner reported the loss as partially covered by insurance. All furnishings were destroyed by the fire.

The property, formerly owned by Joseph McDowell, had been in the McDowell family for three generations.

House Destroyed By Flames

2-7-45

Mrs. Sanjancinto Rush, is temporarily residing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Foster, Wolfdale, following complete destruction of the Rush home by fire. She and her son, Lewis, resided in the property which was located about two miles south of West Middletown.

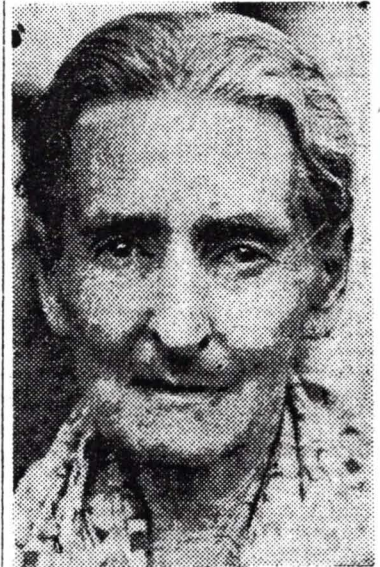
Mrs. Rush, aged 83, was alone when she discovered fire in one room of the six-room frame structure which was burned to the ground with all its contents in a few minutes. Although crippled by rheumatism, she was able to summon neighbors by telephone, and with the aid of a shepherd dog as a guide, she escaped from the flaming structure with a light shawl about her shoulders. Her son, Lewis, was at the home of neighbors when the fire broke out. A small amount of insurance was carried on the property.

The flames spread so rapidly that neighbors were unable to remove any of the furniture or to do anything to halt the spread of the blaze.

Amwell Township Teacher Celebrates 90th Birthday

Two generations of grade school pupils of Amwell Township vividly recall with cherished memories Mrs. Mary Miller Smith, of Amity, the teacher who taught in Township schools for 40 years. Last week Mrs. Smith celebrated her 90th birthday by walking almost a mile to her farm east of Amity.

She resides with her sister, Mrs. Lyda Miller Menzer, who is 88 years old. Mrs. Smith taught in Washington, Greene and Fayette counties during the days of one-room schools and was a student of the late Byron King, teacher of elocution in Pittsburgh. This study led to her being called upon by communities to give readings and recitations. On her 90th birthday she received many callers, cards and phone calls. In telling of her walk to her farm and the trip back, Mrs. Smith said "I could have walked further if I had wanted to, that distance is nothing to me."



MRS. MARY M. SMITH

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold the farm, the undersigned will offer at public sale on THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1945 At 12:30 P. M.

on the Thomas M. Johnson Farm, 1 1/2 miles north of Rea, Pa., the following property:

LIVESTOCK AND FARM EQUIPMENT

Two milk cows, one should be fresh by day of sale and the other in good flow of milk; 7 tons of hay (loose); 5 tons of straw (loose); 25 bushels of oats; 125 baskets of corn; 4-inch jaw metal and pipe bench vise; drill press; saws; small tools; hay rope; hay carriage; hay fork; extension ladders.

FURNITURE

Dining room, living room, bedroom and kitchen furniture, canned fruit, 2 baby beds, coal stove, books, 2 Crumrine's history of Washington County.

ANTIQUES

Chairs, dresser, couch, tables, spinning wheel, 4 poster-cord bed. Other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms—CASH.

JOHN C. JOHNSON

Auctioneer—

COL. C. W. WILLIAMS.

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Party in Rea Home

Mrs. Clara Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Johnson, Rea, R. D., were entertained at a farewell surprise party Tuesday evening when some 50 neighbors and friends gathered in their home. The Johnsons have sold their property and

will temporarily reside in Hickory until the close of school when Ruth Johnson will be graduated. After that time they plan to establish residence in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Johnson is employed.

The evening was spent in conversation and games and a handkerchief shower was held for the honor guests. Doris Johnson and Bill Phillips, dressed as bride and groom, impersonated Mr. and Mrs. John C. Johnson as they loked when they were married.

The self-invited guests brought well filled baskets from which a lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. John T. McNelly, Waynesburg, have purchased the Johnson farm and expect to move in about April 1.

In speaking of this pleasant occasion, Mrs. Clara Johnson states it has been 62 years since she came into the Rea neighborhood as a bride and many of the guests at this farewell party were then children.

The Misses Jennie and Emma Paxton have sold their farm on the Hickory-Houston road and plan to take up residence in Houston, they having purchased the Esley Patsch property, McNary street. The farm which has been sold to John Washabaugh, Canonsburg, R. D., has been in the Paxton family name since 1862.

FRANK BURKHART

Frank Burkhart, 69, of Avella, R. D. 2, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 1945, at 6:30 a. m., in the Washington Hospital. He had been in failing health since August, 1944, and underwent two operations last October.

Mr. Burkhart was born in Washington County, Ohio, March 28, 1875. He moved to Pennsylvania in 1903, living and working as a miner in Jefferson Township and surrounding communities until 1928 when he started farming.

He was a member of the Cynsure Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Eldersville.

Surviving are two brothers, Joseph and William, both of Avella, R. D. 2, and three sisters, Mrs. Wray Liggett, Rea; Mrs. John Smith, Beaver, and Mrs. Harry Reese, Follansbee, W. Va. A brother, Andrew, died in 1938.

PUBLIC SALE

We the undersigned having sold our farm will sell at Public Sale on the Dunbar farm, 1½ miles south of Cross Creek, 2 miles north of Avella on ridge road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
12 o'clock

Team of mares, weight 1800 pounds, sound and good workers; 2 young guernsey cows, T.B. and Bangs tested; heifer, 20 mo. old, bred; binder, 2 mowers, grain drill, hay tedder, 2 corn planters, 3 plows, 2 spring-tooth harrows, spike harrow, lime spreader, manure spreader, 2 wagons with ladders, 2 sled sowers, wind mill, corn sheller, 1½ gas engine, hay forks, new corn worker, 3 sets work harness in good shape, lot of small tools, hay forks, ropes and many small articles.

Some household furniture, good cook stove, gas refrigerator.

TERMS cash.
C. W. WILLIAMS & SON,
Auctioneer

West Middletown, Pa.
Phone 2273 or 5601

BUNBAR BROS.
Burgettstown, R. D. 4.
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MRS. JUDY C. KIDD

Mrs. Judy Cathrine (Kate) Kidd, 76, died at 6:45 p. m., Monday, March 19, 1945, in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Merle Irvin, Eldersville, where she had made her home for the last 14 years.

Mrs. Kidd was born in Washington County, Aug. 23, 1868, a daughter of William and Nancy Metcalf Pettibon. On Dec. 25, 1894, she was married to Robert Kidd, who died 14 years ago. She was a member of the Bethel Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Merle Irvin, Eldersville, a son, Raymond Kidd, Eldersville; eight grandchildren, of whom two grandsons are in the armed forces; two brothers, Van Pettibon and Thomas Pettibon, both of Eldersville, and one sister, Mrs. Louis Wigman, of Eldersville.

MISS BIRD LIGGETT

Miss Bird Liggett a native and for many years a resident of the Independence district, died in her sleep at her home in Barberton, O., Monday morning. Miss Liggett had been in her usual health Sunday and spent the evening with friends. The next morning she was found dead in her bed.

Miss Liggett was a daughter of the late David and Esther Armstrong Liggett and was born in Independence April 1, 1866. She spent her early life there but for the past 25 years had resided at Barberton. At the time of her death was living at the James McClelland home. She was a member of the Methodist Church all of her life.

She was one of a family of eight children. One brother and one sister survive; Orrie Liggett, of Wellsburg, and Miss Grace Liggett, of Scio, O. A sister Mrs. Emma Raybuck died a few weeks ago.

FRANK RUSSELL PEASE

Frank Russell Pease, 217 East James street, Homestead, died at 3:30 p. m., Thursday, Feb. 1, 1945, in the Homestead Hospital.

Mr. Pease, a son of the late James F. and Elizabeth Amos Pease, of Washington County, resided at Homestead for the last 38 years. He was an employe of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company and a former teacher in Washington County. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Homestead.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Miller Pease; one son, Russell Thael Pease, of Louegan avenue, Pittsburgh; one grandson, Russell McCreary Pease, and the following brothers and sisters: Boyd H., Eighty Four; Glenn E., Marianna; Mrs. Lee Porter, Meadville; Mrs. T. O. Martin, Eighty Four; Mrs. Ace Roupe, Eighty Four; Mrs. Andrew Bradburn, Venetia, and Mrs. Glenn Swart, Marianna.

MRS. MARGARET WALKER

Mrs. Margaret Walker, 79, widow of W. Scott Walker, died at 7:45 a. m., Friday, March 23, 1945, in her home in Jefferson Township.

She was born August 23, 1866, in Eldersville, and spent her entire life in Jefferson Township.

Surviving are seven children, Mrs. W. Guy Anderson and John Walker, of Cross Creek; Charles and Lyle Walker, at home; Mrs. J. A. Gillespie, Burgettstown; Miss Hazel Walker, New York City, and Mrs. R. Lee Grooms, Ashland, Ky.; one brother, Allan Jester, Burgettstown, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Colliers, W. Va.

BORN
To Pfc. and Mrs. James O'Donnell, Cross Creek, at Washington Hospital, March 23, 1945, a son, James Blair.

PUBLIC SALE

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1945
1:00 P. M.

At farm located ¼ mile south of Route 31, midway between Buffalo and West Middletown.

24 head of dairy cattle—10 cows, 1 Guernsey bull, 1 Holstein-Herford bull, 10 months old—remainder young Guernsey and Holstein heifers between 10 and 18 months of age. These cattle are all T. B. and Bang tested.

25 ewes bred to lamb in April; 40 wethers.. 10 lambs; 2 bucks; 25 tons of alfalfa-timothy hay; 7 tons baled straw; 100 bu. oats; 150 baskets of corn; number of milk cans; two unit De Laval electric milking machine; electric motor for milking machine and 150 ft. of galvanized pipe.

Terms—CASH.

HOMER M. LOWRY,
Rea, R. D. 1, Pa.
Phone, Buffalo 10-R-12.

Auctioneers—
C. W. WILLIAMS & SON.

Clerk—
CHARLES CAROTHERS.
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JOHN C. H. MAXWELL

John C. H. Maxwell, 77, Buffalo, a lifelong resident of Hopewell Township, died at the Washington Hospital, Wednesday evening, March 7, 1945. Death followed a paralytic stroke suffered last Friday, since which time he had been critically ill.

A son of the late Maria Hanna and William G. Maxwell, the deceased was born March 25, 1868, on the farm adjoining the one on which he resided. He was a farmer by occupation. He was a faithful member of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, serving as ruling elder for 37 years and was clerk of the session for 13 years.

He was united in marriage with Mary H. Snodgrass Nov. 20, 1902. She died Feb. 2, 1944. Surviving are: one brother, James G. Maxwell, Greensburg, Ind.; one sister, Mrs. Emma Lou Ferguson, wife of the Rev. Neil Ferguson, New Concord, O.; also three nephews: Lt. Commander Maxwell Ferguson, Cape May, N. J.; the Rev. Cuyler N. Ferguson, Tarentum; and William Maxwell, Greenville, O.; and two nieces: Mrs. Lois Kissel, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Mrs. Martha Neimeyer, Greensburg, Ind.

MAXWELL—Friends of John C. H. Maxwell, Buffalo, who died Wednesday evening, March 7, 1945, at the Washington Hospital, will be received at the late home until time for the funeral services which will be held in the North Buffalo U. P. Church, Saturday afternoon, March 10 at 2 o'clock, in charge of his pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Webster. Interment in the North Buffalo Cemetery. H. H. Brownlee & Son, Claysville, funeral directors.

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'Deep Hole' Test Is Being Made

Jan 1945
Texas Oil Company
Setting Heavier Rig
Near Cross Creek

Another "deep hole" test well is being drilled in Washington County, this time on the McCullough farm, in Cross Creek Township, near Cross Creek Village. The Texas Oil Company, which is making the test, has shut down drilling operations temporarily in order to build a heavier rig to carry the heavy string of tools. It is expected to drill to the Oriskany Sand or deeper.

A. L. Shivers, drilling on the Emil Koehler farm in South Strabane Township, near the Craft School, secured a production of about 79,000 cubic feet of gas a day, in the Gordon Sand.

Operations are under way at several other locations in the county. A rig is being built on the Hannah Ryan farm, at Coon Island, Donegal Township, where Fox and Foley, contractors, are about to drill for the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company.

The Manufacturers Light & Heat Company has also made a location on the Dinsmore farm, West Finley Township, near Majorsville, W. Va., and a rig is being moved to the site.

Deep Test Well Is Abandoned

The deep test well of the Texas Company, on the J. E. McCollough farm, Cross Creek Township, has been abandoned.

The bit reached the Oriskany Sand, where it was hoped to find gas, at a depth of 6,475 feet, but at 6,480 feet salt water entered the hole in such quantities that it could not be bailed out.

The well is only a few miles from the McBurney well, in Mt. Pleasant Township, where another deep test of the Texas Company failed several years ago when the Oriskany Sand was found to be hard and non-porous, so that gas could not accumulate.

BORN

To the Rev. and Mrs. Marshall D. Berryhill, Greenville, Pa., at the Elizabeth Steele Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh, Wednesday, March 28, 1945, a son, Marshall Denny Berryhill, II. Rev. Berryhill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Berryhill of Hickory.

3-23-45
ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM
Alexander Stanton Cunningham, died Saturday, at 1 a. m. at the Carolyn Convalescent Home. He had been at the home for the past two and one half years.

Mr. Cunningham was born October 20, 1866, in Hopewell Township. He had lived in West Middletown until 1919, when he moved to Hickory.

He was a member of the Grove Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, and the K. of P. Lodge of Hickory.

His wife, Ella Stewart, died, in 1927. For the last five years he had managed the Hickory Woodrow Telephone Company.

Buried at West Middletown

GEORGE TRANQUILL, SR.
George Tranquill, Sr., of Avella, died at the Washington Hospital, April 2, 1945, at 3:20 a. m. He had been a patient in the hospital 16 days, but had been in failing health for some time.

The deceased born Feb. 29, 1866, in Italy, was a retired coal miner, and had resided in the Avella community for 21 years. He was a member of the Polar Star Mutual Benefit Society of Avella and of the St. Michael's R. C. Church, Avella.

Surviving are his wife, Mary P. Tranquill and the following children: Joseph, August, John and George, Avella; Louis, of Avella, R. D. 2; Rose, wife of Paul Belleno, Pittsburgh; and Sarah, wife of Major R. J. Nevin, Austin, Texas, and 11 grandchildren.

Honored at Farewell Party
Neighbors honored Mrs. Lizzie McCoy and daughter, Miss Zelma McCoy at a farewell surprise party Monday evening at their home near Hickory. Mrs. McCoy and daughter have sold the farm to Newton Plance of Cherry Valley, who with his wife and daughter, Willa Jean and son, Everett Plance attended the party. The McCoys have purchased property in Duncan avenue, Washington, and plan to move about April 15. The farm sold has been in the McCoy name 61 years.

Conversation and games were diversions of the evening after which refreshments were served. Families present at this affair included: William Brown and sister, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dinsmore, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Smith and family, the Miss Orella and Miss Lois Acheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Glass, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McAllister, Mrs. Charles G. Hulick, Miss Maude Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. William Stephenson, Mrs. Clarence Albertini and daughter, Judith, Howard Glass, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leech, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Plance and daughter, Willa Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Plance.

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MRS. MICHAEL BALOGH
Mrs. Julia Balogh, 66, wife of Michael Balogh, Avella, died at her home in Avella, Friday, April 6, 1945, at 3:30 a. m., following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Balogh was born Oct. 12, 1878, in Austria-Hungary. She came to America 40 years ago and has resided in the Avella district for the past 30 years.

Besides her husband she leaves three daughters and three sons: Mrs. Coleman Karikas, Mrs. Homer Ross and Mrs. Cyril May, all of Avella; Frank Balogh, Detroit, Mich.; Michael Balogh, Jr., Jeanette, and Pfc. Emery Balogh, U. S. Army.

SOCIETY

McKinney-Kuhns Wedding
Elbert A. Kuhns, of 22 Whitaker avenue, Burgettstown, announces the marriage of his daughter, Ruth Laverne, and Lee R. McKinney, son of Mrs. W. H. McKinney, 355 Main street, Burgettstown.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard C. Sutton at 6:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, April 18, in the First United Presbyterian church. Attendants were Miss Stella M. Kuhns, a sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and Winfield R. Allison as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney left for an Eastern wedding trip. They will reside at 355 Main street, Burgettstown, after May 1.

Mr. McKinney has been prominently associated with the business life of Burgettstown for many years as Cashier of the Washington National Bank. He has acted as chairman of the War Loan drives of the Burgettstown district since the first drive. The bride has been employed for several years as a bookkeeper at the Washington National Bank, Burgettstown.

CALVIN JOSEPH HERRON
Calvin Joseph Herron, 81, well-known farmer of Mt. Pleasant Township, died in his home on Route 18, Washington, R. D. 1, at 6 p. m., Sunday, April 29, 1945, following an illness of five months.

Mr. Herron, who engaged in farming all his life, was born in South Strabane Township, Nov. 24, 1864, a son of John and Catherine Munnell Herron.

He was one of the oldest members of the congregation of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and was also a member of Gretna Grange No. 1543, in which he took an active interest.

He was married April 6, 1887, in South Strabane Township, to Sara Rinehart, who survives with a son, John R. Herron, at home; two grandchildren; one great-grandson, and four brothers, William B. Herron, Vance's Station; Robert Herron, C. M. Herron and Wray G. Herron, all of Washington.

Highest Award Of Forensic League Won By County Man

4-20-45

Debate Coach E. R. Van Kirk, of Bentleyville High School, is the proud possessor of the Diamond Key, the highest award made by the National Forensic League which specializes in the promotion of speech contests among the boys and girls of the high school of America.

Only four high school debate coaches of the nation have received the Diamond Key during the years the National Forensic League has functioned. The presentation was made at a ceremony held at Carnegie Institute of Technology. He, also, has the Distinguished Service Key, awarded for outstanding service in the field of speech the past three years.

"Van," as he is popularly known to the students of Bentleyville High School where he has served as a member of the faculty for approximately 15 years, has developed debate teams and individuals of unusual ability.

Eleven of his students have won a place on the National Honor Roll of the Forensic League: Maynard Kisinger, Beatrice Vernallis, Lois Notovitz, Kathleen O'Brien, Gaylord Greenlee, Harriett McConnell, Beatrice Menego, Donald Yenke and Mae Eisenhart.

The "first team" at Bentleyville has engaged in more than 500 contests during the last nine years, winning 80 per cent of them. Some years the team has exceeded the 90 per cent level.



E. R. VAN KIRK

Mr. Van Kirk is a graduate of Jefferson High School, Greene County, and of Waynesburg College. He was a varsity debater for two years while in College. He holds the Master of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and has served as chairman of the Western Pennsylvania District of the National Forensic League for the past three years.

GEORGE CHVERCHKO

George Chverchko, 68, of Avella, died at 3 p. m. Wednesday, April 18, 1945, after an illness.

Mr. Chverchko, who was born Jan. 18, 1877, in Czechoslovakia, came to the United States 40 years ago and lived in the Avella community the last 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Chverchko, and six children, George, Detroit; Mrs. Mary Yerine, Detroit; John, Mike and Ann, Avella, and Andy, EM 3/c, U. S. Navy.

OLIVER P. HORR

Oliver P. Horr, 68, died Sunday, April 15, at 9:30 p. m., at his home in Bavington. He was a son of the late Henry and Sarah E. Henderson Horr. Death followed a lingering illness.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Kraeek Horr; one brother, E. L. Horr, Washington; one sister, Mrs. H. J. Richards, Hammond, Ind. Two brothers preceded him in death: Henderson Horr and W. C. Horr.

The deceased was a member of the Burgettstown Grange, 1502, and Richard Vaux Lodge, 454, Free and Accepted Masons, Burgettstown.

HARRY GUNDLAH

Harry Gundlah, 44, died suddenly at his home, 933 Idlewood avenue, East Carnegie, Saturday, May 12, 1945. The deceased, a son of Henry and Mrs. Lena Somerlade Gundlah, was born in Hickory, in 1901, where he resided until 1922. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Carnegie.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annabelle Douglas Gundlah and two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Underwood, Carnegie, and Annabelle Gundlah, at home and one granddaughter. He also leaves one brother: Lloyd Gundlah, Akron, O.; and two sisters: Marie, wife of J. G. Tichon of Barberton, O., and Luella, wife of Harold Nelson of Akron, O.

Buried at Mt. Prospect

Avella Queen



Miss Lois Strobe was crowned Senior Queen of Independence Township High School at Avella, at the Senior Ball recently. Miss Catherine Batista was her maid of honor.

A. C. Robertson Called By Death

Alvy C. Robertson, 73, well known farmer, churchman and Granger of Jefferson Township, died at 1 p. m., Monday, April 30, 1945, in his home near Eldersville, following an extended illness.

Mr. Robertson served several terms as a justice of the peace of Jefferson Township and for 12 years he was a member of the township school board. He was an active member of Jefferson Grange No. 314.

He was a member of the Eldersville Methodist Church, serving for 30 years as superintendent of the Sunday School and as church secretary.

As a young man, Mr. Robertson was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a telegrapher and worked in this capacity for the railroad for 31 years. For the last 38

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WILLIAM EMBLETON

William Embleton, 86, died in the Hamilton General Hospital, Hamilton, Canada, Saturday, May 19, following a short illness. He is the father of Richard Embleton, of Hickory.

The deceased was born in England. After coming to America, the family resided in Cecil, Township until moving to Hamilton, Canada in 1906. He was a former employe of the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company but has been retired for 15 years.

He is survived by his widow, seven sons and one daughter: William, John, Robert and Harry, all of Hamilton, Canada; Thomas of Alberta, Canada; McKinley of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Richard of Hickory; and Ethel, wife of George Cartwright of Dundas.

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Called By Death



Above is D. Rea Buchanan, 519 East Beau street and well known in oil circles in this district, who died Friday afternoon in Washington Hospital following an illness of five days.

D. Rea Buchanan Called By Death

D. Rea Buchanan, 55, of 519 East Beau street, died at Washington Hospital, Friday, April 13, 1945 at 3:30 p. m., following an illness of five days.

Mr. Buchanan was born near West Middletown, Feb. 22, 1890, a son of William H. and Winifred Rea Buchanan.

He attended the public schools of the county and graduated from Washington Business College. Following his graduation, he was employed by the Washington Trust Company until 1916. Following that he was associated with the Leonarad Petroleum Company and later with the Leonard Oil Development Company. At the time of his death, he was operating as an independent producer.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of the First U. P. Church of Washington, the Bassett Club, Washington Lodge No. 164, F. & A. M. Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 150, Washington Council No.

1, R. & S. M., Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 3, Knights of Templar, New Castle Consistory, and Syria Temple, Pittsburgh.

He was married Sept. 19, 1914 to Ellen McClain, who survives with the following children, Cpl. William Rea Buchanan, serving with the Third Army in Germany, and Lois, wife of Joseph R. Resher, Charleston, W. Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie B. Elliott, Newark, O., and Vera, wife of Ross A. Leyda, of Eighty Four; and a brother, W. Verne Buchanan, New Philadelphia. O. A brother, Hugh H. Buchanan, died Feb. 12, 1945.

Eldersville Couple Observing Golden Wedding Day, May 12



MR. AND MRS. MARCELLUS D. RIDGWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus D. Ridgway, residents of Eldersville for the past 35 years, will observe their Golden Wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 12. The couple will hold "open house" at their home from 3 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 10 p. m., Saturday. The couple were married in Morgantown, W. Va., and resided in that vicinity for a number of years, moving to Eldersville in 1910. Mr. Ridgway was associated with the Peoples Natural Gas Company until his retirement in 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway have one son, J. Willis Ridgway, and a grandson, Eugene, both of Imperial. They will be honored at a luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church of Burgetts-town, Saturday, at 1:30 p. m., the immediate family acting as host. An invitation is extended their friends to attend the open house Saturday afternoon and evening.

MRS. O. F. H. BERT

Mrs. Mary Kepple Bert, 28 North College street, wife of Otto F. H. Bert, of Washington and Jefferson College, died at Washington Hospital late Saturday night, May 26, 1945, after a protracted illness.

Mary L. B. Kepple, daughter of Israel Z. Kepple and Mary Frye Kepple, was born at Bouquet, Westmoreland County, the ancestral home for generations. She was married in 1903 and came to Washington with her husband in 1914. Confirmed in her youth, she was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, and had membership in the First Lutheran Church of Washington ever since coming to this city. She was educated in the public schools, Greensburg Seminary, and Curry Institute, and prior to her marriage she taught in Greensburg Seminary and Pittsburgh Academy.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bert is survived by two sons and two daughters: Adam K. Bert; Ella, wife of Carl G. McVicker; Peter W. Bert, all of Pittsburgh; Mary Virginia, of Greenville, wife of Edgar J. Snyder serving overseas with the Army. Three grandchildren also survive. She leaves one brother and two sisters, all residents of Westmoreland County: Arbuthnot S. Kepple, Mrs. Cyrus J. Branthover, and Mrs. John L. Black.

Graduation At Eldersville

Eighth Grade graduation exercises were held May 31, for students in Eldersville schools, when American Legion awards were presented to high-rating pupils.

Supervising Principal A. D. White presented diplomas and writing certificates to the following: Robert Lee, Howard Noah, Mary Pleska, Sylvia Popp, Robert Miller, Jay Stewart, Marlene Resnick, Eugene Martin, Clara Macugoski, Kathryn Puskarich, William Dumas, David Ritz, Anna May Dellenbaugh, James Cunningham, Ruth Holloway, Josephine Stargen and Edward Sinan.

American Legion Awards were presented to Eugene Martin and Marlene Resnik by representatives of the American Legion Post and its Auxiliary.

Joan Allen, Donald Davis and Robert Miller received certificates for perfect attendance. Robert Miller, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Miller, Hanlin Station, holds a perfect attendance record for eight years. He started to school in Mt. Pleasant Township and later entered the Eldersville school.

Liggett-Lucas Wedding

Miss Dorothy Lucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lucas, and Robert Liggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Liggett, both of Avella, R. D., were united in marriage on May 16 in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church of Independence. The Rev. E. Chester Crabbe, former pastor of the church, of which both the bride and bridegroom are members, officiated at the service.

The chancel of the church was filled with palms and ferns and a single bouquet of red roses decorated the piano.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Jean Powell, of Brilliant, Ohio, sang "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly". She was accompanied at the piano by Mary Stacko, of Avella, who also played the "Bridal Chorus" from Lehengrin, during the wedding procession and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" at the close of the ceremony.

The bride, who was accompanied to the altar by her father, was dressed in a white satin gown fashioned with fitted bodice and bouffant skirt of net. Her finger-tip veil was held in place by a tiara of pearls. Her train was of net with scalloped edges. She carried a bouquet of white roses centered with an orchid.

Miss Ruth Arnold, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore blue brocaded satin and chiffon, styled similarly to the bride's. Her arm bouquet was of pink rosebuds.

Miss Barbara Jones, of Washington, a niece of the bridegroom, was train bearer. Wray Jones, of Washington, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as Mr. Liggett's best man. Albert Miller and Robert Vance were ushers.

Mrs. Lucas, mother of the bride, wore a navy crepe ensemble with accents of yellow. Mrs. Liggett, the bridegroom's mother, wore printed navy crepe. Their corsages were red roses centered with white carnations.

More than 50 guests were received by the couple at a reception at the home of the bride's parents. Following the reception the couple left for a wedding trip to Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit. They will reside with the bridegroom's parents for the present. Both young people are active in the County Christian Endeavor Union.

Bridal Couple Honored

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Liggett, Sr., Avella, R. D., entertained at their home, Friday evening, in honor of their son, R. G. Liggett, Jr., and his bride, the former Dorothy Lucas. Over 25 guests were present to extend their felicitations to the bridal couple. The evening was spent in games, contests and a social hour. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. E. H. Myer, served a buffet luncheon from a table centered with a large decorated cake.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lucas and sons, Martin and Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Arnold and daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Wray Jones, Mrs. Mary Morrison, Mrs. Clyde Perrin, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Robison, Mrs. Margaret Dixon, Mrs. Hilda Allen, Mrs. E. H. Myers, Miss Gladys Griffith, Miss Lucile Buxton, Miss Mary Chezzo, Miss Mildred Paint, Albert Miller and Robert Vance.

On Thursday evening the young people of the Avella community honored Mr. and Mrs. Liggett, Jr., with a serenade. After calling the young couple from the house, they escorted them to a sleigh atop a trailer and conducted them through Independence and Avella by the way of Breezy Heights. The trailer was drawn by a tractor and followed by several cars and trucks filled with over 40 young people. When the procession returned to the Liggett home they were invited into the home where they were treated to refreshments.

Elrod-Irwin Wedding

Phyllis Lenore Irwin, Akron, O., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Irwin, Hanlin Station R. D. 1, was married to James William Elrod son of Mrs. William Elrod, Akron, O., and the late William Elrod on May 11.

The wedding vows were exchanged at the home of Herman Hackman, Akron, O.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Maxwell.

The bride wore a French blue suit with brown and white accessories. A corsage of red carnations completed her attire.

Miss Audrey Irwin, sister of the bride, of Akron, was the maid-of-honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a teal blue suit with white accessories and a corsage of red carnations.

Louis Dutz, Akron, was the best man for Mr. Elrod.

Following the ceremony a reception for 20 persons, relatives and friends of the bridal couple, was held. Centering the serving table was a bridal cake.

The bride graduated from the Follansbee, W. Va., High School in 1943 and at the present time she is employed at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron.

Mr. Elrod graduated from the Copper Hill High School in Copper Hill, Tenn., in 1940 and he too is employed at the Firestone Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Elrod are now making their home at 385 Allyn street, Akron, O.

Avella Speaker



Imre Kovac, a native of Hungary and graduate of Yale University and the Juillard School of Music, will deliver the address at the Independence Township High School commencement Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. His subject will be, "The Challenge of Being an American Citizen." A dynamic exponent of democracy, he is regarded as an authority on affairs in Central Europe and the Balkans.

MRS. MARY M. PERRIN

Mrs. Mary Manchester Perrin, 86, Independence, died at 5:30 o'clock, Friday morning, May 11, 1945, after a week's illness of pneumonia, at the home of her sisters, Miss Cora and Miss Alice Manchester.

She was the daughter of the late Asa and Martha McLane Manchester. On June 15, 1887, she was married to John E. Perrin to which union one daughter, was born, the late Dorothy Manchester Perrin. They lived at the Perrin homestead following their marriage until September 1904, when they moved to Independence.

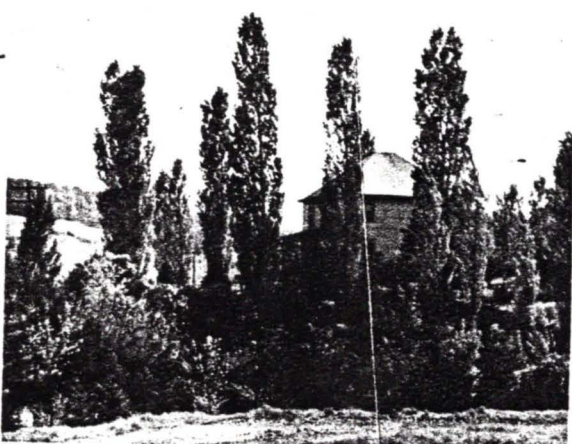
She was a lifelong member of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church and served as president of the Women's Missionary Society for 25 years. She had been a worker in the Sunday School as long as her health permitted.

Mrs. Perrin was a member of Independence Grange No. 179 and had been chaplain for a period of more than 25 years.

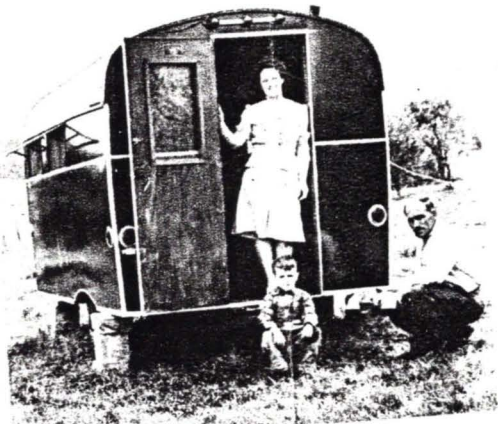
Surviving are two sisters, the Misses Alice and Cora Manchester of near Independence.



Left—Mrs. T. L. McCarrell and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jay, who live in the same farm home, share the joys of an ice cream unit in which they freeze many of the products of their dairy farm and large vegetable garden. Even though this is an 8-hole unit, the McCarrells say they could use one twice the size as they have it packed with foods the year round. Some foods they freeze, themselves, others they take to a commercial plant for freezing, then store in their unit. Specialties of theirs are frozen apple cider and grape juice. "Delicious!" they say.



A winding lane leads to the John Donati farm house near Burgettstown. In spite of the peaceful scene, this home is a beehive of activity. Mr. Donati runs a dairy farm and holds a full-time job at the American Zinc and Chemical Co. at Langeloth—and somehow finds time for fishing. Mrs. Donati has her house and family to care for, does much outside work and when she "rests" picks up her crocheting or embroidering. Their two daughters, June and Dorothy, are busy with high school activities, like to sew and cook. Even Billy, who will go to school next fall, has a hobby raising rabbits. An older brother John, Jr., is a turret gunner in the Army Air Corps.



Their trailer brings out the gypsy in the Donatis, and although it's blocked-up for the duration, Mr. Donati is looking forward to fishing trips after the war.

Wins M. A. Degree



Miss Eloise Lowry, above, was graduated from the graduate school of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., Wednesday. Her degree was awarded for the work she has done in the field of English. Miss Lowry was graduated from Westminster College, New Wilmington, in May last year and from Washington High School in 1940. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lowry, Rea, R. D. 1.

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BENJAMIN CHARLES LANDER
Benjamin Charles Lander, 40, of Joffre, was instantly killed Monday evening at 6:30 p. m., at the National Mining Company No. 3 mine at Muse. Mr. Lander, an employe of the mine for the past five years, was operating a Joy loader when the accident occurred. The boom of the loader became jammed, it is reported, and as he bent to investigate it, it fell and crushed his skull, causing instant death.

Mr. Lander was born at Cherry Valley, March 27, 1905, a son of the late James and Emma Lander. He is survived by his wife, Irene B. Porter, and four children: Anna May, Richard, Gerald and Grace, all at home; the following brothers and sisters: William Lander, McDonald, R. D. 1; Francis Lander, Midway; Mrs. Mary Jancart, Burgettstown, R. D. 3; James Lander, Joffre; Mrs. Elizabeth Kaufmann, Clairton; Mrs. Emma Campbell, Oakdale; and Mrs. Katie McCuen, Oakdale, R. D.

MRS. BELLE BEATRICE McLAIN

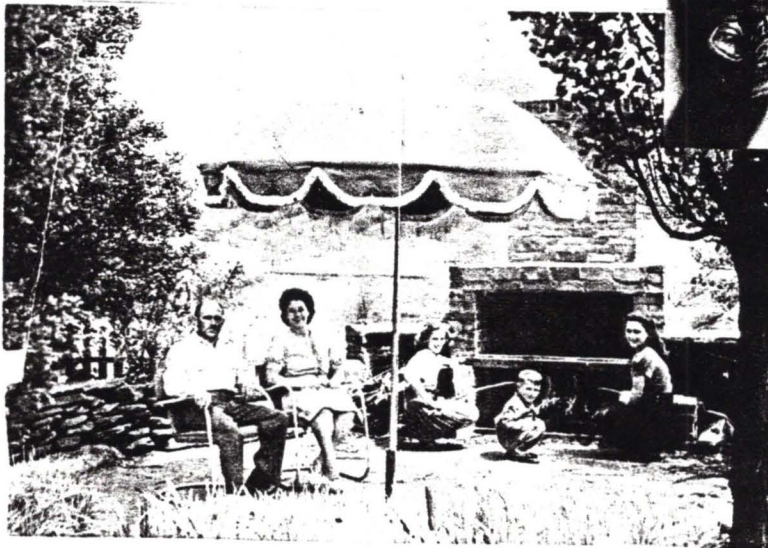
Cross Creek friends have received word of the death of Mrs. Belle Beatrice McLain, 77, which occurred at her home in Bicknell, Ind., Friday, May 11. The deceased was the step-mother of Mrs. E. M. Farner, of Cross Creek.

Mrs. McLain who had been ill six years, died following six weeks' confinement to bed as the result of a fall. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bicknell and was born on July 9, 1867, on a farm near the village named for her ancestors. She was united in marriage with J. W. McLain of Burgettstown where they resided until his death in 1920. She returned to Bicknell, Ind., in 1922. She was a member of the Baptist Church, Smithton, Pa., also of the Bicknell Rebekah Lodge.

Besides the step-daughter, Mrs. Farner, there survive 13 grandchildren, all of Pennsylvania, and several nieces and nephews in Indiana.



Above—Many of the products of the Donatis large garden patch are stowed away in their 32-cubic foot deep freeze unit. Mrs. Donati says she'd rather give up any other piece of equipment in the house! The girls agree with her—they help prepare and freeze vegetables, fruits, meats, whole green peppers. Frozen fruits in half pint containers go in lunch boxes for Dad and the girls—are thawed just right by lunch time.



Left—The Donatis enjoy many a summer meal at this fireplace, in which Mr. Donati plans to have an electric barbecue when they are again available—the wiring is already installed.

Weather Recalls June Frost Of 1859 In District

6-6-45
Almost All Crops
Were Destroyed
In That Year

While cold weather in June is not unusual in this section, interest in the big frost of June 4 and 5, 1859, is still great and people talk of it each year that we have cold weather in June. Few if any people are living in Washington County who remember the June frost of 1859, but not so many years ago there were a number who could distinctly recall the effect on the crops of the Nation.

In answer to a request we have received for details of the Big Frost of 1859 we have gone to The Reporter files of 1859.

The Reporter of 86 years ago recorded that all day Saturday, June 4, "the sky was overhung with clouds, dark as winter, overcoats, shawls and other paraphernalia pertaining to the abnormal season, were brought into requisition with which to face a northwester that felt more like "chill November's early blast than the balmy breeze of leafy June." During the evening it cleared up and on Saturday night we were visited by a frost, the like of which we have not seen for many years. As far as we have been able to learn the fruit and vegetables have sustained serious damage. The apples, at least such as were not sheltered by leaves, were entirely destroyed, while peaches, pears, cherries have all shared the same fate."

In commenting on this frost The Reporter of the same issue says: "This is certainly a most calamitous visitation and one that calls loudly upon us all to learn anew the lesson of our dependance upon a merciful Providence, to whose abundant goodness we are indebted for all our fruitful seasons that in days gone by have filled our hearts with food and gladness. After a period of comparative scarcity we had flattered ourselves that we were on the threshold of a season of teeming plenty."

A meeting of the Farmers' Club of Washington County was held in the Valentine House, which stood on the site of the present William Henry Hotel, June 11, 1859, to gain information as to the extent of the damage. There was a large attendance and reports of the farmers from all sections of the County showed that, with the exception of a few isolated fields on very high ground the wheat crop was a total loss and would not be worth cutting. Plans were discussed for sowing quick growing grain that would yield a crop before Winter.

A committee was appointed to secure 300 bushels of buckwheat for seed and all farmers decided to replant their corn and potatoes. This was sold at cost and transportation charges and almost immediately 150 bushels were engaged. Orders for the remainder were taken at The Reporter office.

Older residents of a few years ago who remembered the big frost stated that the corn was almost completely destroyed. In every field the young stalks were blackened and wilted, only an occasional hill having survived. The season was very late for planting, but many farmers believed that a crop would mature and both potatoes and corn were replanted. The potatoes did make a crop, but the corn did not ripen before the frosts of the Fall and it was a season of "soft" corn. All fruit was killed.

At that time Robert B. McClure, West Middletown, was engaged in manufacturing threshing machines at that place, under the patent of Andrew Ralston. The late James L. Bell, who lived all of his long life at West Middletown, once told the writer that Mr. McClure was almost ruined financially by this frost, and he was several years recovering from his losses. Mr. Bell, who well remembered that big frost, said that a large number of threshing machines had been man-

ufactured and shipped by Mr. McClure for the Middle West, but they stood on the wharfs at St. Louis until they rotted, all because there was no market for them that year and it was impossible in those days to ship them back to West Middletown. It seems that Mr. McClure had prepared for a big season in the Middle West, and had shipped his machines out early on account of the slow methods of transportation of those times.

On account of the staggering blow to the wheat crop grain jumped from 80 cents to \$2.50 a bushel, and other grains in proportion.

Many of the farmers in Washington County permitted their wheat to grow for the straw, which they used as forage for their stock. More than half a century later a sheaf of wheat, which was cut in 1859 was brought to The Reporter office from the Burgettstown section. It had been stored in an old barn, for the straw, and there some of it had lain all those years. The grain had not matured.

While frost in June is not uncommon, the big frost of 1859 stands out above all others as the worst. It was the only one of such widespread devastation in the history of the Nation.

The present season certainly blasts the old theory that "if we have it now we won't have it later." No person now living can remember worse weather that we had during December, January and February, but during the most of March the weather man tried to make up for the terrible Winter. Since then, however, it has been cold, damp and miserable.

Going back 129 years to 1816, we find that this was called "the year without a Summer." It seems that one Chauncey Jerome out somewhere in Indiana kept a record that year for future generations. He recorded temperatures of 35 in June, 43 in July and 37.5 in August. He recorded that on June 10 some clothes that his wife had in the yard were frozen stiff. There was snow, blizzards and frost during June, July and August in 1816.

The year 1817 must have been pretty cold for The Reporter contains this time in the 1817 file: We broke ice this morning, 25th of August, as thick as common sole leather, which had frozen during the night."

Other items from The Reporter files show that:

On May 14, 1833, "the snow fell shoe-mouth deep on furrowed ground, in this section."

On May 16, 1834, there was a severe frost in this region, and within a week flour went from \$2.50 a barrel to \$6, but did not hold at that. The forest trees looked as if they had been killed with the foliage on them.

On June 5, 1878, on the 19th anniversary of the big frost, the frost did some damage to garden plants in low ground.

As late as June 15, 1933, one hundred years after "snow fell shoe-mouth deep," a damaging frost visited this section. A 15-acre cornfield on the R. S. Bell farm, near Hickory, was ruined, together with several fields in the Woodrow section. A field of corn on the J. Howard Clark farm, near Lagonda, nearly knee high, was black the next morning. Mr. Clark reported that his thermometer registered 32 at 5 o'clock that morning. Grape vines, fruits and vegetables were injured in many other sections. Even weeds suffered.

Civil War Display Being Shown Here

An unusually interesting collection of Civil War material, the collection of Principal James R. Braden, of Trinity High School, is being displayed in the window of the Fred S. Marshall store, here.

It is made up of books, magazines, pictures, newspapers and some bullets and bayonets. Some of the books were printed in 1862, 1863 and 1864.

One of the most interesting exhibits is a newspaper which was printed on wall paper at Vicksburg, Miss.

Principal Braden has been interested in Civil War material in a serious way for the past 10 years and has a collection of approximately 200 books and much other material.

June Bride



Mrs. Patsy DeFilippis, daughter of Anton Resnik, of Rea, was the former Margaret Resnik before her marriage Sunday, June 17, to Patsy DeFilippis, son of Dominick DeFilippis, of Avella. The ceremony was solemnized in the St. Michael's Catholic Church of Avella. The couple are residing in Avella.

Receives Degree



Elizabeth Rusbasan, above, was graduated from Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, Monday morning of this week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rusbasan, 268 North Franklin street. The address at the commencement exercises was given by the Rev. Peter Marshall, D.D., pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. Miss Rusbasan was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree for the work she has done in the field of history.

DeFilippis-Resnik Wedding

The St. Michael's Catholic Church of Avella was the scene of an impressive wedding ceremony Sunday, June 17, when Miss Margaret Resnik, of Rea, was united in marriage to Patsy DeFilippis, son of Dominick DeFilippis, of Avella. Miss Resnik is a daughter of Anton Resnik, of Rea. The Rev. Father Wivell officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride was attired in a satin and chiffon gown with fitted bodice and full skirt. Braided cord was applied at the neck and front of the gown. On her hair the bride wore a tiara of orange blossoms to which her illusion and lace veil was attached. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and baby's breath with satin streamers.

Maid of honor was Miss Tillie Resnik, sister of the bride. She was gowned in yellow and carried a bouquet of yellow roses and blue delphinium.

Four bridesmaids attended the bride. They were Josephine DeFilippis, sister of the bridegroom, and Ann Kobal, of Cleveland, Ohio, Helen Marchio, of Martins Ferry and Ethel Criswell, of Follansbee, W. Va. They formed an attractive procession in white gowns, carrying bouquets of American Beauty roses.

Dominick DeFilippis, Jr., was best man for his brother. Ushers were Pat DeFilippis, of Weirton, W. Va., Joseph Resnik, of Rea, Joseph Marchio, of Martins Ferry and Freddy Mambu, of Avella.

A reception was held at the Slovenian Hall at Avella where the couple received their friends from Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Washington, Martins Ferry, Weirton, Avella and Rea.

Mr. and Mrs. DeFilippis are making their home with the bridegroom's parents in Avella following a wedding trip to Cleveland.

To Take New Post



Dave Reconnu, of Charleroi, has been appointed director of the Odd Fellows Orphanage, Pittsburgh, and will assume his duties September 1. Children from 61 counties are taken care of at the orphanage. Mr. Reconnu is well known throughout Western Pennsylvania for his leadership among young people of the district. He is past president of the Washington County Christian Endeavor Union and at present is State Recreational Chairman and Monongahela Branch President of the Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Reconnu is directing the Youth for Christ rallies held in the County during the summer.

Resigns Post With Telephone Company

HICKORY June 6.—Miss Helen Retzer has resigned as chief operator for the local exchange of the Hickory-Woodrow Bell Telephone Company and has taken a position with the Ohio Finance Company, Pittsburgh. She began her new duties June 1.

Miss Retzer had been associated with the local Telephone Company for the past 15 years, her service dating back to her sophomore year in High School when she began as a relief and Sunday operator. After graduation she became a full-time employe and soon was advanced to chief operator. Miss Mabel Kelly, also a veteran with almost 15 years service, has succeeded Miss Retzer.

MRS. NETTIE A. LOWRY

Mrs. Nettie A. Lowry, 83, widow of John E. Lowry, long a resident of Hopewell Township, died Sunday morning, June 10, 1945, at 5:10 a. m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Lowery, of New Concord, O., with whom she had spent most of her time during the past 11 years.

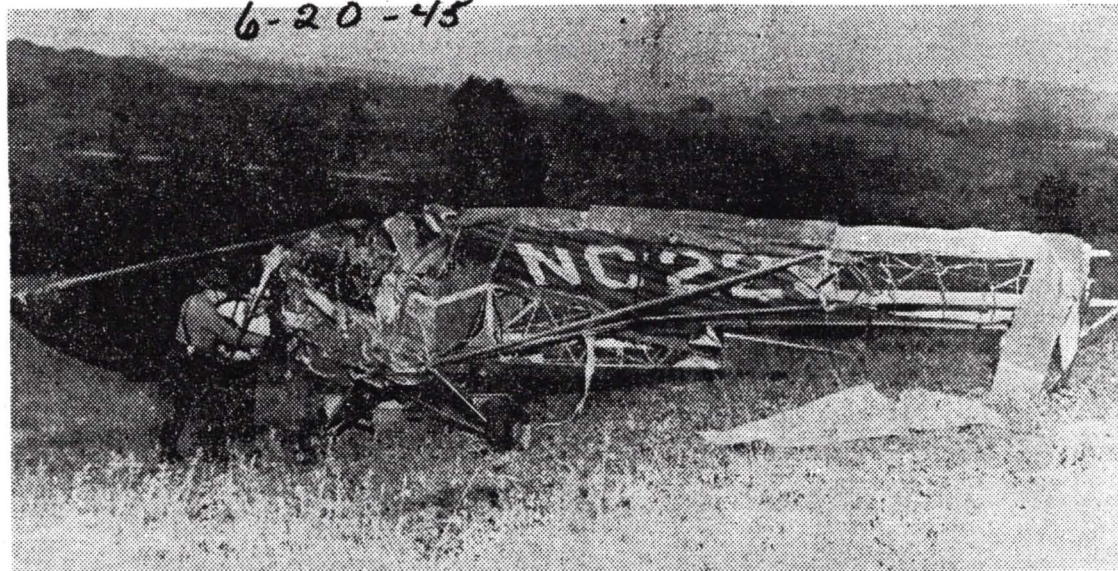
Despite her years, Mrs. Lowry had enjoyed good health until about a month ago. She declined rapidly after suffering a heart attack Friday.

Mrs. Lowry was born in Independence Township, Dec. 19, 1862, a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Jane White Leech. Most of her married life was spent in Hopewell Township. She was a member of the First U. P. Church at New Concord.

Two daughters and a son survive: Mary, wife of J. G. Lowery, New Concord; Homer M. Lowry, a member of the faculty of Washington High School and Beulah Evelyn, wife of Dr. Walter Sphar, Melrose, L. I. She leaves nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. W. L. Sawhill, of Claysville, is a sister.

'Flying Grandma', Friend Escape Death In Crash

6-20-45



Mrs. Maude Rufus, 64, famous as the "Flying Grandma", and a companion, Mrs. Louella Gillen, 57, both of Ann Arbor, Mich., escaped death yesterday when a Taylor Cub plane, piloted by Mrs. Rufus, crashed in a takeoff, following a perfect emergency landing, on the H. L. Martin farm, Mt. Pleasant Township, south of Hickory. Mrs. Rufus was reported in critical condition in Washington Hospital last night. Her companion was less seriously hurt. A State Trooper and a nearby resident are shown examining the virtually demolished plane.

Famous "Flying Grandma", Friend Critically Injured In Plane Crash

Mrs. Maude S. Rufus, 64, known as aviation's "Flying Grandma," and a companion, Mrs. Louella Osterlin Gillen, 56, both of Ann Arbor, Mich., escaped death, but were critically injured, yesterday when a Taylor Cub plane crashed in a takeoff, following an emergency landing, in Mt. Pleasant Township.

The accident occurred on the H. L. Martin farm, three miles south of Hickory, where Mrs. Rufus had made a perfect emergency landing in a meadow when her gasoline supply was exhausted when she lost her bearings while heading for the Allegheny County Airport.

The small plane did not catch fire in the crash, but was virtually demolished, State Police reported.

Mrs. Rufus suffered fractures of both legs and both arms, a possible skull fracture and multiple lacerations. Her condition was described as critical at Washington Hospital early today.

Mrs. Gillen, less seriously injured, suffered a fractured right leg, left ribs and the right wrist and multiple lacerations. Her condition was also considered critical, however.

Mrs. Rufus, wife of W. C. Rufus, head of the Department of Astronomy at University of Michigan, and Mrs. Gillen were en route from Ann Arbor to Alexandria, Va., to visit the latter's sister. They planned to land at the National Airport, Washington, D. C.

The emergency landing was made with no trouble on the Martin farm late in the afternoon.

Gasoline was secured at Hickory and Mrs. Rufus attempted a takeoff. The small plane apparently was safely in the air, when the right wing struck a tree and the ship nosedived to the ground, crashing on the Rosel farm, adjoining the Martin farm.

Neighbors were summoned and extricated the two women from the wreckage. Dr. J. K. McCarrell, Hickory physician, administered first aid at the scene and then had the women removed in an ambulance to the hospital.

State Police said a flight log in the plane disclosed that Mrs. Rufus was a member of the Civilian Air Patrol, Michigan, and that she had nearly 1,200 hours of flying time.

Officers said a clipping found in the plane referred to Mrs. Rufus as the "Flying Grandma," that she started to fly at the age of 58 years and was given considerable publicity at one time when she made a solo flight to Denver, Colo.

Husbands of both women were notified and were en route here from Ann Arbor last night.

SAMUEL C. MAXWELL

Samuel Caldwell Maxwell, 90, died at his home in West Middletown, Monday, June 25, 1945, at 10 p. m., following a lingering illness.

Mr. Maxwell resided at the Maxwell homestead near Buffalo Village until moving to West Middletown in 1918.

He was born on the Maxwell farm June 12, 1855, a son of John and Mary Caldwell Maxwell. On Oct. 6, 1880, he was united in marriage with Anna Hemphill, who survives.

During his early life he was a member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church and continued to be a member until moving to West Middletown in 1918. Since that time he had been a member of the Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown, attending church regularly.

Besides his wife, he leaves four nephews and three nieces.

Buy Hickory Garage

HICKORY, July 11—Gailey B. Wilson and Chester Corwin, of this place, have purchased the garage and equipment of W. C. Dinsmore. Mr. Dinsmore purchased the garage from Henry Vogle in 1923. Mr. Dinsmore has not announced his plans for the future.

Crash Fatal To 'Flying Grandma'

Injuries received in a plane crash ended yesterday the colorful career of Mrs. Maude Rufus, of Ann Arbor, Mich., 65-year-old veteran flier, widely known as the "Flying Grandma."

Mrs. Rufus died at 12:35 p. m. in Washington Hospital, where she and a grandmother companion were taken late Tuesday afternoon after their small plane struck a tree branch and plummeted into a field during a takeoff in Mt. Pleasant Township, south of Hickory.

Her friend, Mrs. Louella Osterlin Gillen, 56, also of Ann Arbor, was reported "holding her own" last night by hospital attaches.

Mrs. Rufus succumbed to multiple injuries, including a fractured skull, fractures of both legs and fractures of both arms.

Mrs. Gillen suffered a fractured left leg, fractured wrist and ribs. Her husband, Harry, arrived here last night.

Wife of W. Carl Rufus, head of the Department of Astronomy at University of Michigan, Mrs. Rufus was the author of a book, "Flying Grandma."

Flying her own plane since 1938, she once made a 7,000-mile solo flight through the west and in 1943, she made a Civilian Air Patrol courier flight with blood plasma to Freemont, Wyo.

Mrs. Rufus' husband was reported convalescing from an illness and was unable to come to Washington.

Mrs. Gillen, it was said, had accompanied Mrs. Rufus on many previous trips. On the fatal flight, they were en route to Alexandria, Va., to visit a daughter of Mrs. Gillen.

MRS. AGATHA KREZANOSKY

Mrs. Agatha Krezanosky, 72, died at her home, Rea, R. D. 1, Saturday, June 16, 1945, at 4:30 a. m., following an illness of several months. She was born in Lithuania, Dec. 28, 1873, but came to America in 1886. She had been a resident of the Rea community for 28 years. Her husband, Thomas Krezanosky, died in 1942. She was a member of the St. Michale's Roman Catholic Church, Avella.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Mary Casciolasaf, Burgettstown, R. D. 4; Mrs. Anna Mitkus, Beechview, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Veronica Gross, Avella; Thomas, of Muse; Frank, Alice, Julian, Alfonso and Evalou, all at home. She leaves 17 grandchildren.

New Boy Scout Executive Named

George M. Hosterman To Succeed W. Jack Watson Here

George M. Hosterman, former Scout executive of the Susquehanna County Council, Boy Scouts of America, last night was elected Scout executive of the Washington-Greene Counties Council.

His election to head the Scout organization here came at the monthly meeting of the council, held at McDonald, with about 25 members present. M. M. Neale, of Donora, council president, was chairman.

The new executive plans to begin his work in this council by the middle of August, when the resignation of W. Jack Watson, executive here for the last 20 years, will become effective. Watson will become executive of the York-Adams Council.

Hosterman, whose home is at Milton, is 40 years of age, married and the father of three sons, two of whom are in high school. He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and of Penn State College, where he took special work in forestry. He has been in Boy Scout work since his graduation from college.

Hosterman's election was made on the recommendation of a committee named at a previous council meeting by President M. M. Neale to pick a successor. John N. O'Neil, chairman of the committee, said in presenting the recommendation that Hosterman was the unanimous selection of the committee.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and all reports indicated that the council work was going along very well.

A camp report showed that 113 Scouts were in camp for the opening week, and that this week there are 117 in camp. For the nine weeks of camp there are already 982 registrations. Improvements in progress at the camp have been delayed somewhat because of lack of labor. Members of the camp staff present praised the junior leaders, saying they are doing fine work.

Advancement Chairman Glenn Dowler reported that an Eagle Scout review was held Sunday at camp and four boys passed the tests for Eagle Scout.

Graham-Humes Wedding

At an impressive ceremony solemnized by the Rev. Charles G. Skuce, Jr., June 27, Miss Betty Humes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Humes, Aspinwall, became the bride of Pvt. John M. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graham, New Alexandria. The wedding took place in a church in Aspinwall.

Miss Betty Hunter, Claysville, was maid of honor and Miss Vivian Grube, Punxsutawney, was bridesmaid.

Robert Reed, Claysville, served as best man for Pvt. Graham and ushers were George B. Humes, brother of the bride, and Collins Moffatt, New Alexandria, uncle of the bridegroom.

A family reception was held in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Zoerb, of Aspinwall, following the ceremony.

After her graduation from Westminster College, Mrs. Graham taught music in the schools of Mt. Pleasant Township, Langeloth and Smith Township, Washington County, and McCandless Township, Allegheny County.

Pvt. Graham is a graduate of Penn State College and taught agriculture in the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School at Hickory and later was supervisor of agriculture in a Somerset County school.

Following the reception Pvt. and Mrs. Graham spent two weeks at Atlantic City and other eastern cities.

Mrs. Ella Stewart, Hickory, was a guest at the wedding.

MRS. MARY MARTHA SMITH

Mrs. Mary Martha Smith, 72, wife of Ernest Smith, of Independence Township, died Wednesday, July 18, 1945, at 11:35 p. m., in the Washington Hospital. She had been ill the last year and a half.

Mrs. Smith was born June 8, 1873, in Hopewell Township, and in 1875 the family moved to the Farrer Homestead, Independence Township. The farm is now owned and farmed by her son, Guy Smith. From the time of her marriage, Dec. 8, 1897, to Ernest Smith, she lived on the adjoining Ernest Smith farm, where she went to housekeeping. She was a lifelong member of the Mt. Hope United Presbyterian Church, and for many years taught in the Sunday School.

She was the last survivor of a family of 10 children.

Surviving are her husband, Ernest Smith; five children, Mary, wife of Thomas Marsh, Wellsburg, R. D. 1; Miss Evelyn Smith, Battle Creek, Mich.; Guy, Verner and Ivan, all of Avella, R. D. 1, and five grandchildren.

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Property Sales In Hickory Area

HICKORY, June 14.—Inability to rent houses here has brought about the sale and purchase of a number of local properties.

Mrs. Annie Carlisle has sold her home and seven acres of land to Hiram E. Reedy, who will move soon from the A. T. McBurney property in Highland avenue. The McBurney property has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Toward.

O. B. Shillito and family have moved from the Everett Phillips house to the McIlvaine property, Wabash avenue, recently purchased by the Shillito family. The property has been repaired and improved.

Gailey B. Wilson has sold the former R. S. Rankin property, which he recently purchased, to Elbert Davis who will move from the apartment in the Mrs. Ella Stewart house to the new home on July 1. Henry Seik has sold his property to Gailey B. Wilson.

Raymond Marquis has purchased the H. L. Pedicord property. Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Crowley, who occupied the Pedicord property, will move into the Phillips apartment vacated by Mr. Marquis.

Charles M. Colwes recently purchased the S. L. McCalmont property adjoining the K. of P. hall.

W. K. Bedillion has sold his 60-acre farm, Washington-Burgettstown road, and has purchased the former J. T. Scott property in the eastern end of Hickory.

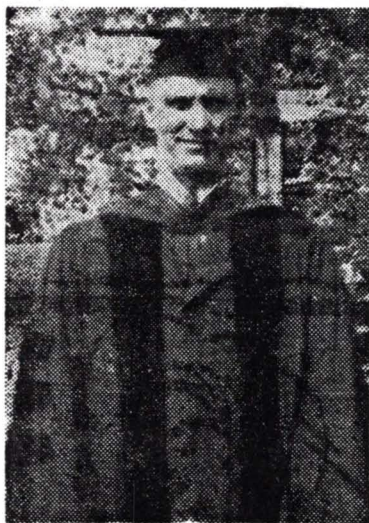
June 16, 1945. Alvin D. White et ux., Mt. Pleasant Township, to John L. Steele et ux., Smith Township, 40.928 acres in Mt. Pleasant Township: \$1.

Hear News of Sons

Mrs. Charles G. Hulick has returned to her home at McDonald, R. D. 4, following a visit with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John C. Hulick of Huntingdon. John C. Hulick, SK 2/c, is serving with the Seabees on Guam where he is working in the office.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Hulick have received word that their son, Elmer P. Hulick, RH 3/c has recovered from an emergency operation performed on June 2. He was radioman on his ship and is now convalescing in a Navy Hospital on an island near New Guinea. Another son, Chaplain William A. Hulick, USNR, who is located in the Admiralty Island group reports he has met Lt. Jay Troutman, a lawyer of Washington, who is the new officer in charge of that place. Both Chaplain Hulick and Lt. Troutman are graduates of Washington and Jefferson College.

Receives Degree



William E. Noble, above, supervising principal of the Claysville Schools, was granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education during exercises at the University of Pittsburgh held May 28. He received his A. B. degree in 1923 and his Masters in 1929, both from Washington and Jefferson College. The title of his thesis was "The Development of Administrative Controls in Federal Land Grants to Education." Mr. Noble was elected supervising principal of the Claysville Schools in 1931 following the death of Henry W. Blackburn.

JOHN P. DONALDSON

John P. Donaldson, 72, who resided the greater part of his life in the Houston-Gretna neighborhood, died Monday, June 18, 1945, about 9 a. m., at the home of his brother, Dr. J. C. Donaldson, East Palestine, O., where he and Mrs. Donaldson went to make their home about three months ago. The deceased had suffered with a heart condition for some time, but his death was sudden.

A son of the late Jacob and Elizabeth Pry Donaldson, he was born in Mt. Pleasant Township. He resided for about 20 years in Main street Houston, when he was an employe of the Old Budke Mill, Canonsburg. He purchased a farm in the Gretna neighborhood in 1918, where he had resided until three months ago.

He was a charter member of the old Buffalo Band and until recent years played frequently in musical groups. For some time he played in the Bible school and worship services of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, and in recent years played clarinet with the Houston orchestra. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church Houston, and of the Gretna Grange.

Mr. Donaldson was twice married. His first wife, Mary Barr Donaldson, died in 1907. His second wife, Grace Barr Donaldson, survives with the following children: Tracy B. and John Moore Donaldson, Houston; Mildred wife of Robert Neill, Canonsburg; and Gladys, wife of George Jones, Wausau, Wis.; two brothers and one sister: Dr. J. C. Donaldson, East Palestine, O.; Percy Donaldson, Cambridge Springs, Ind., and Mrs. Ina Donaldson McClure, Columbus, O. He also leaves five grandchildren.

MRS. CHARLES KLAGES

Mrs. Charles Klages, 45, died at her home near Mechanicsburg, Hanover Township, Friday at 11 o'clock.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Klages; one son, S/Sgt. Frederick Klages, in France; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Barker, Mechanicsburg, and Mary Lou Klages, at home; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Beddow, Wolfdale; Mrs. Herbert Myers, and Mrs. William Jones, Washington; and four brothers, Tom, John and James Frye, all of Washington; Edward Frye, Muse.

HARRISON E. McFARLAND

Harrison E. McFarland, 71, a resident of the Burgettstown community, the greater part of his life, died at his home, 53 Center avenue, Burgettstown, Sunday, June 3, 1945, at 1:40 a. m., following an extended illness.

He was born in Cherry Valley, Smith Township, Washington County, March 10, 1874. He was a member of the Grace Methodist Church, and the Macabees Lodge, both of Akron, O., in which city the deceased resided for a time.

His wife, Mrs. Effie Griffith McFarland, and one brother, Edwin McFarland, Burgettstown, survive.

AGNES JANE WALLACE

Miss Agnes Jane Wallace, 86, a resident of McDonald for 45 years, died Saturday, June 16, 1945, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. N. Griffon, of Hickory, with whom she had made her home for the past three years.

She previously had resided with her sister, Miss Mary Elizabeth Wallace, who died June 8, 1941. The only surviving member of the family now is her sister, Mrs. Griffon, Hickory.

Miss Wallace was a member of the Miller's Run Covenant Church.

She was born Feb. 16, 1859, a daughter of John and Mary Taggart Wallace.

Besides Mrs. Griffon, several nieces and nephews survive.

Deer In Mt. Pleasant

William M. Russell and son, Ralph, farmers of Mt. Pleasant Township, reported seeing a deer on their farm while they were working yesterday near the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

Summer Party Of Hickory K. Of P.

HICKORY, June 15.—The Hickory Lodge Knights of Pythias will hold a free showing of the feature film "Trans-Atlantic Merry Go-Round" at the Hickory High Athletic Field on Tuesday evening, June 19, beginning at 9 p. m. This film features Jack Benny, Nancy Carroll and Patsy Kelley and is very humorous throughout. Everyone in the community is cordially invited and urged to attend. In case of inclement weather, the show will be held in the high school auditorium. This showing is made possible through the courtesy of Ralph Piatt, of Washington.

The Hickory Lodge endeavors from time to time to render a service of this kind to the home community. Their annual Christmas Party has become an established institution in the Hickory community. The members are hopeful that all of their friends will come to this "summer party" on next Tuesday evening. The lodge will hold their regular meeting on that evening beginning promptly at 7:45 p. m. After a short business session, lodge will adjourn in time for members to attend the movies at the high school.

Local Bride



Mrs. Robert R. Brownlee, above, is the former Mildred Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jackson, 150 Penn street, whose marriage to Pfc. Robert R. Brownlee, son of Mrs. Willis Brownlee, 636 Allison avenue, took place Thursday, July 26. The vows were exchanged at the Missionary and Alliance Church.

Dies Suddenly ⁶⁻²¹⁻⁴⁵



Judge Howard W. Hughes, of Washington, was fatally stricken on a Philadelphia street yesterday as he was on his way to the legal offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company of which he was Solicitor General.

HARRY SCOTT

Harry Scott, 83, died at his home in New Concord, O., Tuesday, June 12, 1945, at 6:30 a. m., after a lingering illness. He was a former resident of Burgettstown.

Survivors are his wife, Bell Ramsey Scott, and two sons: Welcome and Howard Scott, New Concord, O., and one half-brother, J. G. Scott, Burgettstown.

Mrs. F. I. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillis, Jr., John Phillis, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Lee, of Burgettstown, attended the funeral services held Friday.

Imperial Couple Betrothed

Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Patton, Imperial, R. D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Earle Irene (Honey) to Pfc. John E. McElhaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. McElhaney of Imperial, R. D. No wedding date has been set.

Old Home Is Razed

HICKORY, July 1. — Charles Clemens has completed the razing of a frame house which he recently purchased from C. M. Colwes. To the older residents of the community it was known as the Samuel Hart property. The building, still in fairly good state of preservation, is estimated to have been well over 100 years old.

GROVER C. WINDERS

Grover C. Winders, 59, a resident of Langeloth for the last 29 years, died in his home at 10:45 p. m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1945, following a short illness.

Mr. Winders was employed as a hoist engineer at the American Zinc & Chemical Company plant, Langeloth.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Witt Winders; three daughters, Mrs. Barbara Williams and Mrs. Dorothy Kirsch, both of Columbus, O., and Miss Margaret Winders, at home; three brothers, Meredith, Canton, O.; Clifford, Guthrie, Ky., and Luther, Langeloth; one sister, Miss Lucy Winders, Guthrie, Ky., and two grandchildren.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Scott, of Hickory, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Thelma Edith, to Lt. Thornton C. Dewey, son of Mrs. Clara R. Dewey, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Lt. Dewey entered service March 3, 1943, and graduated from the Hondo Air Field, Hondo, Texas, as a Navigator and is now attending Radar School at Victorville, Calif.

Miss Scott is now employed in the Pittsburgh Office of the Aluminum Company of America.

No date has been set for the wedding.

WILLIAM ROGERS

William Rogers, 89, a former resident of Paris, Washington County, died Saturday, July 14, 1945, at 10 a. m., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Cook, Rea, R. D. 1.

Mr. Rogers was born Oct. 20, 1855, in Greene County. He spent the past 50 years in Washington County and resided the past 20 years at Paris. He moved to the home of his daughter at Rea three years ago.

Mr. Rogers was a farmer. His wife, Mary Nancy Yoders, died August 6, 1937.

He leaves three daughters, and a son: Mrs. R. L. Cook, Rea, R. D. 1; Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Florence; Mrs. Jane McClelland, Baltimore, Md., and Harvey Rogers, Waynesburg.

ROGERS—Friends of William Rogers, who died July 14, 1945, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Cooke, Rea, R. D. 1, will be received at the Cook home where funeral services will be held Tuesday, at 2 p. m., in charge of the Rev. Robert Shane, pastor of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Cross Creek Cemetery.

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Miss Hindman to Wed

Dr. and Mrs. Audley O. Hindman, Burgettstown, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Hettie Ruth Hindman to Major Henry J. Krause of Camden, N. J.

She was graduated from Union High School, Burgettstown. Miss Hindman attended South College in Virginia; Pennsylvania State College and George Washington University, Washington, D. C. For the past two years she has been employed by the Military Intelligence Department of the War Department.

Major Krause was graduated from New York University, New York City, N. Y. He did post-graduate work at Columbia University in New York City. Major Krause is now stationed in Washington, D. C.

They will be married in the very near future.

Kraus-Hindman Wedding

Miss Hettie Ruth Hindman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Audley Oliver Hindman, Burgettstown, was united in marriage at a double ring ceremony Wednesday, July 11, to Major Henry John Kraus, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jacob Kraus, Medford, N. J. The ceremony was solemnized at 4 o'clock at the Post Chapel, Ft. Meyers, Arlington, Va., Chaplain, Lloyd S. Hindman, Lt. Commdr., U. S. N., brother of the bride, officiating.

The altar of the Post Chapel was impressively decorated with white lilies and ferns. White tapers in candelabra formed the lighting for the service. Sergeant Heasley, Post Chapel organist, played nuptial selections an hour preceding the ceremony.

Capt. C. S. Gamble, Quantico, Va., as soloist, sang "Because" and "Ich Liebe Dich" and immediately after the exchange of marriage vows sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride was attired in a white marquisette gown with fitted bodice and high neckline with yoke embroidered in silk braid and seed pearls. Her gown was fashioned with long sleeves and full skirt which fell in a long circular train. Her white illusion veil was attached to a Juliette cap of satin and pearls with orange blossoms. She carried a Colonial bouquet of white roses, baby's breath and bovardia.

Mrs. Richard S. Clark, Burgettstown, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a blue net gown with high neckline. Miss Elsie Kraus, Medford, N. J., sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. George L. Patterson, Washington, D. C., wore bridesmaids gowns of pink and blue marquisette, respectively, styled with V-neckline and bishop sleeves.

MRS. ELIZABETH SMITH

Mrs. Elizabeth Lippitt Smith, 87, of Florence, died at the home of her adopted son, Harris S. Smith, Bulger, Sunday, July 15, 1945, at 9:30 p. m.

Mrs. Smith was born near Caldwell, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1858, a daughter of Elihu and Julia Trimmer Lippitt. She had resided in the Burgettstown vicinity for 62 years and was a resident of Florence for the past seven years.

She was a member of the Florence Presbyterian Church and the Friendly Bible Class of the Church. Mrs. Smith was a charter member of the Burgettstown Grange. Her husband, Harris W. Smith, died in 1931. Mrs. Smith was the last member of a family of six children.

She leaves her adopted son, Harris S. Smith, Bulger.

Miss Carolyn Louise Hindman,

Quantico, Va., niece of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a white dress. Master Lee Twyford, Washington, D. C., was ring bearer. The bride's attendants and the flower girl carried Colonial bouquets with matching flowers in their hair.

George F. Kraus, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers for Major Kraus were Col. William Daniel, Major Seaton Holsey, Lt. Col. William Elzay and Capt. Larry Power.

Mrs. Hindman was dressed in dusty rose with black accessories for her daughter's wedding. She wore a corsage of Talisman roses. The mother of the bridegroom wore navy blue with black accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

A reception for 100 guests at the Boardmoor Hotel, followed the nuptial service. A buffet supper was served from a table attractively decorated with bowls of white roses and varied white flowers. A four-tiered wedding cake, topped with miniature bride and bridegroom, on a mirrored background formed the centerpiece.

Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Alice Bucknum, New York City, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kraus, Marton Pike, Medford, N. J., parents of the bridegroom; Dr. and Mrs. G. Allen Perkins, Washington; Miss Margaret Perkins, Pittsburgh; Miss Della Hindman and Mrs. M. G. Denlinger, Cross Creek, aunts of the bride; and Richard S. Clark, Jr., Burgettstown.

Following the rehearsal Tuesday evening a party was held for the immediate families and close friends at the LaFayette Hotel.

Major and Mrs. Kraus left for a short wedding trip in the Pocono Mountains. Upon their return they will reside in Washington, D. C. Major Kraus is stationed at the Pentagon Building in the Capital.

CORA DELL SMALL

Mrs. Cora Della Small, 72, widow of John E. Small, died at the Maze Nursing Home, 205 Locust avenue, Monday, July 2, 1945, at 11:10 a. m.

A daughter of the late Hazlett and Martha Jane Thompson Leeper, she deceased was born Dec. 25, 1873, in Cambridge County, O. She had been a resident of Washington for 40 years and was a member of the Third United Presbyterian Church.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Johnston, wife of E. B. Johnston, Washington, R. D. 5; and five sisters: Mrs. E. B. Johnston, Cross Creek; Mrs. Margaret Jester, Steubenville, O.; Mrs. Annie Finley, Alliance, O.; Mrs. James Dawson, Cambridge, O., and Mrs. W. S. Dixon, New Concord, O.

MRS. GEORGE G. PAXTON

Mrs. George G. Paxton, 76, one of the most highly respected women of the Houston community, died at Pine Lawn Home and Sanitarium, Moninger, Monday, July 2, 1945, at 6 a. m. She had been in failing health the past year.

Mrs. Paxton was born on the old McNary homestead farm in Charters Township on April 1, 1869, the daughter of John C. and Abbie T. McNary. She was united in marriage January 20, 1892 to George G. Paxton and they resided on the old home farm, where Mr. Paxton died in 1931.

The deceased is survived by the following children: J. Clarence Paxton, Washington, R. D. 1; Martha, wife of Jerome E. Wright, Cambridge, N. Y.; George R. Paxton, Meyersdale, Anna Abigail, wife of the Rev. Dr. Glenn P. Reed, Houston; and Robert K. Paxton of Sharon. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Janet Workman, and two brothers, William H. and John T. McNary, of Canonsburg.

Mrs. Paxton's life was one of service and devotion to her family, her church and her friends. Taking over at the death of her husband, she operated her farm, provided for the education of her children and endowed them with a depth of self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

FELIX DORISIO

Felix Dorisio, 73, died at his home at Avella Monday, July 23, 1945, at 7:45 p. m., following several weeks illness. He was born in Italy, July 2, 1872 and came to this country 59 years ago, residing in the Avella district for 24 years. He was employed in Avella district mines until 10 years ago when he was retired. He was a member of the St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Avella.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary DeAngelis Dorisio, and 10 children: Premo, Avella, R. D. 2; Alphonse and Buff, Hannastown, Pa.; Mildred, wife of Sam Panza, Sharpsburg; Seaman 1/C Ralph, U. S. Navy; Rose and Sarah, Pittsburgh; Felix, Jr., Regis and Virginia at home. One daughter, Gilda died in 1937. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Hopewell Man Dies Suddenly

Alexander Hamilton Was Prominent Farmer, Sheep Breeder

Alexander Hamilton, 81, well known farmer and sheep breeder of Hopewell Township, died suddenly at his home Sunday, July 22, 1945, at 4:30 p. m., following a brief illness. Mr. Hamilton had complained of not feeling well Saturday evening but his condition was not regarded as serious.

A son of the late Robert Hamilton and Mary Hannan Anderson Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton was born in Hopewell Township, September 17, 1863, and resided all his life on the farm where he was born. On October 4, 1893, he was united in marriage with Urania Belle Taggart, who died Dec. 23, 1933.

Mr. Hamilton was active in church and community circles, holding membership in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church where he served for many years as president of the Board of Trustees and treasurer of the congregation. He was also active in work of the Men's Bible Class.

He assisted in helping to organize the Buffalo Mutual Telephone Company and he was one of the members of the committee which promoted and organized the Agricultural Extension Association of which he was an honorary member at the time of his death. He served as local leader of the first 4-H Club formed in Washington County and was a member of the

Buffalo Cemetery Association.

He is survived by the following children: John A., Rea, R. D.; Robert, Washington, R. D. 5; Mary H., wife of Lloyd D. Linn, Washington, R. D. 3; Fannie H., Buffalo, wife of the late E. M. Farrar; Florence G., wife of Charles R. Munnell, Canonsburg; James T. and Hazel B., at home. He also leaves 11 grandchildren.

MRS. ELIZABETH STRICKO

Mrs. Elizabeth Stricko, 74, widow of George Stricko, died at her home, Rea, R. D. 1, Monday, July 23, 1945, at 12:05 p. m. A daughter of Andrew and Anna Decman Kovalcik, the deceased was born in Czechoslovakia in 1871. She came to this country 50 years ago and has resided for 43 years in the home in which she died.

Survivors are four sons and two daughters: John, Andrew, George Stricko and Margaret Gordon all at home; Gunner's Mate 3/c Stephen Stricko, in the Philippines; Anna, wife of R. T. Caldwell, Amity, Pa. She also leaves one brother, Andrew Kovalcik, Rea, R. D. and eight grandchildren.

Truax-Cassidy Picnic

Members of the Truax and Cassidy families met in a reunion at Eldersville July 4 to honor Sgt. Kay Cassidy, who has just received an honorable discharge from the Army after serving five years and two months in the South Pacific Theater.

Sgt. Cassidy was a former resident of Eldersville. He enlisted at the age of 19 in the service and never spent a furlough at home as he was sent overseas shortly after entering the Army, over five years ago.

The group met in the early afternoon on the parsonage lawn at Eldersville for games and conversation. A picnic supper was served to 49 relatives and close friends. Before partaking of the supper the group sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," followed by prayer of thanksgiving by Fred Cassidy, father of the honored guest.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cheesebrough, Mr. and Mrs. Melburn Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Truax and Mrs. Sarah Butler, all of Eldersville; Mrs. Cecil Mester and G. C. Melvin, Burgettstown; Mrs. George Butner and son, Billy, Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. John Potts, of East Liverpool, O.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robinson and Miss Peggy O'Neal, of Bridgeport, O.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Schuller and children, Jack, Joanne and Lynne, Freedom; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cassidy and son, Sgt. Kay Cassidy, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor and son, Ronnie, Byresdale; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowden, Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Zaebisch, Mr. and Mrs. Erle Cunningham and Jimmie Cunningham, Cross Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Mert Truax and sons, Billy and Jimmie, Toronto, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Iscar Truax, James and Asher Marston, Follansbee, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Cassidy and children, Dolores and Duane, Coraopolis.

Rea Reunion

The descendants of the late Charles Campbell and Catherine Cook Rea held the 34th annual reunion, Wednesday, July 4, 1945, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley, near Burgettstown, Pa.

The morning was spent in greetings and reminiscing. A chicken dinner was served at noon. After dinner a short business meeting was conducted by the President, C. M. Rea. Officers for the coming year are: C. M. Rea, President; Mrs. H. C. Scott, of Burgettstown, vice president; Mrs. Charles R. Keenan, of Oakdale, secretary; and Lester Lee, of Cross Creek, treasurer. After the business, all who had sons or daughters in the service gave interesting accounts of their whereabouts. Reamond Smiley, who was in a German prison camp for over 20 months, and William Craig, who was wounded in action were present. There were 66 relatives and three visitors present.

Eleanor Ghelfi Is Victim Of Traffic Mishap

Is Fatally Injured While Walking Along Highway

DRIVER RELEASED

Eleanor Ghelfi, 17-year-old Cross Creek Township girl, was fatally injured Saturday night when she was struck by an automobile while walking along the highway not far from her home at Studa, State Police reported.

She was pronounced dead at Washington Hospital at 10:15 p. m., shortly after being admitted.

A companion, with whom she was walking, Julia Shemon, also of Studa, escaped injury.

State Police and Deputy Coroner W. Howard Thompson, Avella, who investigated, reported the automobile was operated by William Geresti, 20, of Avella, who was released on his own recognizance, pending a coroner's inquest.

The accident occurred at 9:30 p. m., as the two girls were walking along the Burgettstown-Studa road, near Standley's Service Station, just outside Studa.

Geresti stopped his car immediately, police said, and had Miss Ghelfi removed to the hospital here.

Deputy Coroner Thompson said the girl expired as she was being examined and reported the cause of death was a fractured skull, shock and hemorrhage and undetermined internal injuries.

Miss Ghelfi, eldest of five children of Ambrose and Alma Romita Ghelfi, was employed by the Colliers Steel Company at Colliers, W. Va. where she was born, July 20, 1928. She had resided in the Cedar Grove community the last seven years, and was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, of Avella.

Besides her parents, she leaves three sisters, Virginia, Anna and Margaret, and a brother, Louis, all at home.

Taken By Death



Above is W. A. H. McIlvaine, one of the community's best known and highly respected citizens, who died yesterday at Washington Hospital following an illness of but a few days. He had not been in the best of health for the past few years.

W.A.H. McIlvaine Claimed By Death

Long Prominent Citizen And Lawyer Of County

W. A. H. McIlvaine, 47 North Wade avenue, one of Washington's best known citizens and for many years active in the practice of law, died yesterday at 11:10 a. m. at Washington Hospital.

Mr. McIlvaine's health had been impaired for some time, but he had been critically ill only a few days and had been at his office as usual until 10 days before his death.

He was born March 1, 1871, in Somerset Township, a son of William Robert and Elizabeth Hamilton McIlvaine. He was a direct descendant of Andrew McIlvaine, Cool Springs, Sussex County, Delaware and Ayr, Scotland. His great-great-grandfather, Greer McIlvaine, settled in Washington County in 1783, crossing the mountains from Cumberland County.

Mr. McIlvaine was educated in the schools of the County, Washington and Jefferson Academy and was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in the class of 1894 with the rank of Cum Laude. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Phi Tau Gamma. Following graduation he served as principal of Hickory Academy for one year.

Continuing his education he read law under the late Winfield McIlvaine and also attended Western University of Pittsburgh Law School. He was admitted to the bar of this County October 24, 1898 and in May, 1903, formed a partnership with the late Harry L. Williams under the firm name of McIlvaine and Williams. Some years later the late John R. McCreight was admitted as a member and the firm was then known as McIlvaine, Williams and McCreight until the withdrawal of Attorney McCreight several years later. The firm continued as McIlvaine and Williams until the death of the latter several years ago.

His two sons, John W. McIlvaine, now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force and Alexander W. McIlvaine Jr., a Captain in the Air Force and now with the Army Transport Service, joined the firm in 1938 and continued active practice until they both enlisted immediately following Pearl Harbor.

The McIlvaine family came to Washington from Somerset Township to make their home in 1889 and on May 31 of that year Mr. McIlvaine united with the Second Presbyterian Church by letter from

the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church. For many years he was active in County Christian Endeavor work and at one time served as president of the organization. In his church he served as treasurer and was active in work of the Sunday School. He was elected a member of the Board of Elders April 14, 1912. He was at one time president of the Men's Brotherhood of the church and also served as chairman of the building committee when the present church edifice was erected in 1930.

Mr. McIlvaine became a life member of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Jefferson College July 6, 1917 and for many years had served as vice president of the Board. His work on various committees of the Board included that of faculty and when the present South Campus was erected he served on that committee. At commencement time in April of this year he was given the annual Alumni Award for outstanding service to his Alma Mater.

He was active in the organization of the Washington Union Trust Company and was a director and vice president of that institution and held similar positions with the George Washington Hotel Corporation. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of Washington Y. M. C. A. for a number of years.

His service to East Washington included that of vice president of the School Board and as a member of Borough Council.

He was a life-long Republican in politics.

On September 10, 1902, Mr. McIlvaine was married to Miss Annie Gertrude Wilson, Washington, whose death occurred February 10, 1919. On April 3, 1923 he was married to Miss Florence Hook Sturgis, Washington, who survives. Children surviving are Captain Alexander W. McIlvaine Jr., Army Air Corps; Lieutenant Colonel John W. McIlvaine, assistant Chief of Staff A-2, Army Air Force, Personnel Distribution Command; Elizabeth, wife of William Murray Cooper, Mt. Lebanon. He also leaves a brother, John A. McIlvaine, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia; a niece and four grandchildren.

Creps-Muskovich Wedding

Miss Edith Muskovich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Muskovich, Burgettstown, R. D. 3, and Richard Henry Creps, H. A. 1/c, son of Mrs. Margaret Creps, Burgettstown, were united in marriage on Thursday, July 5, at 8:30 p. m., in the parsonage of the Hickory Presbyterian Church. The Rev. C. S. Thomas officiated.

The bride wore a navy blue dress with blue accessories. There were no attendants. Mrs. Creps is a graduate of Union High School, class of '41.

The bridegroom is home on a 15-day furlough from Camp Parks, Calif., where he is a hospital attendant for the United States Navy. Prior to his induction in December, 1943, he was employed by the Continental Steel, Corapolis.

Educator Retires



W. W. Wilson, venerable schoolman, recently announced his retirement from teaching recently, after serving 48 years in Washington and Fayette Counties. He was principal of Clark School for 34 years and resigned there at the end of the past school term. He began his teaching career nearly a half century ago in Mt. Pleasant Township. His home is 22 Laurel avenue.

AAUW President



Miss Helen Bromley, above, a member of the faculty of Washington High School was elected President of the Washington Branch of the American Association of University Women at the meeting the Branch held Tuesday night in Washington Seminary. Miss Bromley will serve for the ensuing two seasons. Also elected at the meeting were: Treasurer, Miss Margaret Donaldson; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Bell and executive board member, Mrs. John Ziegler.

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will offer at public sale on the Salome Dunn Sellers Farm, 1 mile north of Deer Lick, 1 mile west of West Union on red-doy road,

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1945
At 1:00 P. M.

the following:

Milwaukee grain binder, McCormick mowing machine, hay rake, Syracuse plow, LeRoy land plow, harrow, grain drill, corn planter, wagon, wire stretchers, miscellaneous tools, some hay, 2½ h. p. gasoline engine, etc.

Household Goods: Dining room tables, chairs, china closet, dishes, stoves, radio, portable victrola and records, Edison and records, book-cases, books, stands, upright piano, grand piano (antique), beds, dressers, hat rack, and other articles too numerous to mention. Some antiques.

And also on same day, I will offer for sale 293 acre farm with 8-room brick house with bath, other buildings.

TERMS: Cash.

TERMS ON FARM made known at time of sale.

Charles B. Orndoff, Auctioneer,
Waynesburg.

Salome Dunn Sellers (Mrs. A. M.)
Dunn's Station, Pa. (R. D. 2).
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MRS. SUSAN ANNE MERIDETH

Mrs. Susna Anne Merideth, 69, widow of James Merideth, died suddenly at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1945, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Harry Davidson, in Eldersville.

A former resident of Holldiays Cove, W. Va., she moved to Eldersville in 1931 and since the death of her husband in 1932 had made her home with her daughter. She was born in Texas, Sept. 14, 1875.

Surviving are seven children, Cecil Meredith, Linton, Ind.; Mrs. Jane Harper, Toronto, O., R. D. 1; Mrs. Earl Allen, Eldersville; Mrs. Frank Robb, Seffner, Fla.; Mrs. Truman Locke, Pittsburg; Robert A. Merideth, Steubenville, O., and Mrs. Harry Davidson, Eldersville; 22 grandchildren, two of whom are in the armed forces; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Henry Maddox, Santa Monica, Calif., and one brother, Otis Gray, of Linton, Ind.

MRS. MARTHA BOWER FULTON

Mrs. Martha Bower Fulton, wife of County Farm Agent Ellwood H. Fulton, 508 East Wheeling street, died at 1:10 p. m., Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1945, in Washington Hospital, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Fulton was born in Pittsburgh, Sept. 17, 1895, a daughter of the late Samuel E. and Nuna Hixon Bower, and had resided in Washington for the last 20 years.

Mrs. Fulton was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and active in various women's organizations of the church. She was a member of North Strabane Grange and prominently identified with grange activities. She was unusually active in local women's clubs and the County Federation of Women's Clubs.

She leaves her husband, whom she married, Nov. 24, 1921.

GEORGE U. HARRIS, SR.

George U. Harris, Sr., 58, of near Burgettstown, who had been in failing health for some months, died Saturday at 12:05 a. m. in the Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Harris was born at Hazleton but had been a resident of this district for a number of years, residing in Smith Township where he was engaged in farming.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Harris, survives with one daughter and five sons: Mrs. Helen Hill, R. D. 3, Burgettstown; John, Amel and Edward, R. D. 3, Burgettstown; George, in U. S. Navy, and Michael, U. S. Army. He leaves two grandchildren and a brother, Paul Harris, of Youngstown. 8-27-45

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Resigns Post



Dr. Robert E. Boyles, now serving in the United States Navy and assigned to Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., has tendered his resignation as principal of Washington High School. Dr. Boyles has been associated with the local school for the past 15 years.

Dr. R. E. Boyles, Here 15 Years, Resigns Post

Sheldon Kelley, Of Faculty, Becomes Assistant Principal

TESTS FOR PUPILS

Resignation of Dr. Robert E. Boyles, principal of Washington High School for the past 15 years, and now lieutenant on military leave with the United States Navy, was accepted by the Washington School Board at its monthly meeting last night.

Homer M. Lowry, of Rea, R. D. 1, who has been serving as acting high school principal, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy, and Sheldon Kelley, Washington, R. D. 4, received the unanimous approval of the Board for the assistant principalship.

The annual salary for Mr. Lowry was set at \$4,000 and that for Mr. Kelley at \$3,200.

In their new administrative positions, Principal Lowry and Assistant Kelley will jointly assume the duties normally assigned to the office of home and school visitor, a position held by Mr. Lowry before his elevation to the acting high school principalship.

The new high school principal, a veteran of World War I, was graduated from Muskingum College in 1915 with a Bachelor of Science degree. From 1920 to 1928 he served as principal of the Elizabeth, Pa., High School, and then went to Perry High School in Pittsburgh to teach chemistry. He was elected a member of the Washington High School teaching staff in 1933, and in 1935 was made principal of the Fifth Ward School, from which position he was called to act as home and school visitor at Washington High School, a position in which he assumed all the attendance and dis-

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New Officials At Washington High



HOMERY M. LOWRY

Homer M. Lowry, Rea, R. D. 1, who has been prominent in educational circles of Washington County for a number of years, has been elected principal of Washington High School, succeeding Dr. Robert E. Boyles, who has resigned after 15 years of service at the local school. Sheldon Kelley, a member of the school faculty for about 15 years, has been named assistant principal.



SHELDON KELLEY

In Memory of
MRS. IRENE JANE REED CHAPMAN

Date of Birth
JANUARY 24, 1861

Date of Death
AUGUST 14, 1945

Services from
RESIDENCE - 219 TYLER AVE.
Friday, August 17, 1945
2:00 P. M.

Clergyman Officiating
REV. CHARLES E. HAMNETT

Final Resting Place
CROSS CREEK CEMETERY



Observe 30th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Scott, of Hickory were surprised when a number of friends and relatives gathered at their home Wednesday evening, Sept. 29, to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

The evening was spent in conversation. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Oliver Scott and Julia Belle Scott.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Scott, Elsie and Edith Scott, Jane Allender, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown, Julia Belle, Samuel and Ensign John Wayne Scott, of Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Purdy and daughter, Frances, of Langeloth; Mrs. Paul D. Scott, West Midletown; Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Scott, Canonsburg; Finn Scott and son, Jack, of Washington and Mrs. Emma Forsythe, of McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have two sons serving in the armed forces overseas. Pvt. Paul D. Scott, stationed in North Africa, and Pvt. Walter C. Scott, stationed somewhere in England. Ensign John Wayne Scott has returned to his base in Maryland after a 12-day leave with his parents.

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Stine-Sawhill

Announcement is made of the marriage of Mary Jane Sawhill, Avella, R. D. 1, and Theodore McMinnis Stine, Taylorstown, which took place Saturday, August 11, 1945, at the Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William M. Lorimer, Washington, performed the ceremony at 10:30 a. m., in the presence of the immediate families.

The couple had no attendants. The bride is a daughter of H. O. Sawhill, Avella, R. D. 1, and the late Dorothy Duvall Sawhill, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ella McMinnis Stine, Taylorstown, and the late George Julius Stine.

The bride was graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, D., and the bridegroom was graduated from Washington & Jefferson College. He is employed as an accountant in the offices of the Washington Oil Company at Taylorstown.

Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left on a week's honeymoon, after which they will take up residence in Taylorstown.

Sfara-Zemkus

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Zemkus and T./Sgt. Joseph S. Sfara of Avella. Their marriage took place Sunday, Aug. 5, in the St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Avella, with the Rev. Francis J. Wivell, pastor, performing the double ring ceremony at 1:30 p. m.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zemkus, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white satin with a decollete of white marquisette edged in heavy lace. The dress was fashioned with long sleeves and full court train and her fingertip veil of net was secured with a tiara of pearlized orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white roses and carnations with white satin streamers.

Her maid of honor was her niece, Miss Jeanne Prentice of Pittsburgh, who wore blue satin and a sequined skull cap, and carried pink roses. Miss Josephine Lazarro, Avella, bridesmaid, wore pink net and a pink skull cap and carried pink roses.

The wedding music was played by the church organist, Miss Peggy Luxbacher, and the soloist was Miss Betty Quinn, Pittsburgh, who sang Schubert's "Ave Maria."

Mrs. Louis Zemkus, mother of the bride, wore a black crepe dress with net yoke, and a corsage of red roses, and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Rocco Sfara, wore navy blue with matching accessories and a red rose corsage.

Cpl. Nick Maxemovich, recently returned from Italy, served as best man, and Sgt. Walter Somplatsky, recently returned from England, ushered. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Sfara, Avella, recently returned from Italy, where he was a radio-gunner on a B-25.

Supplementing the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bridegroom, after which the couple spent several days at the Summit Hotel, Uniontown. He has now reported to Indiantown Gap, and expects to be assigned later to Goldsboro, N. C.

NELLIE J. FRANCIS

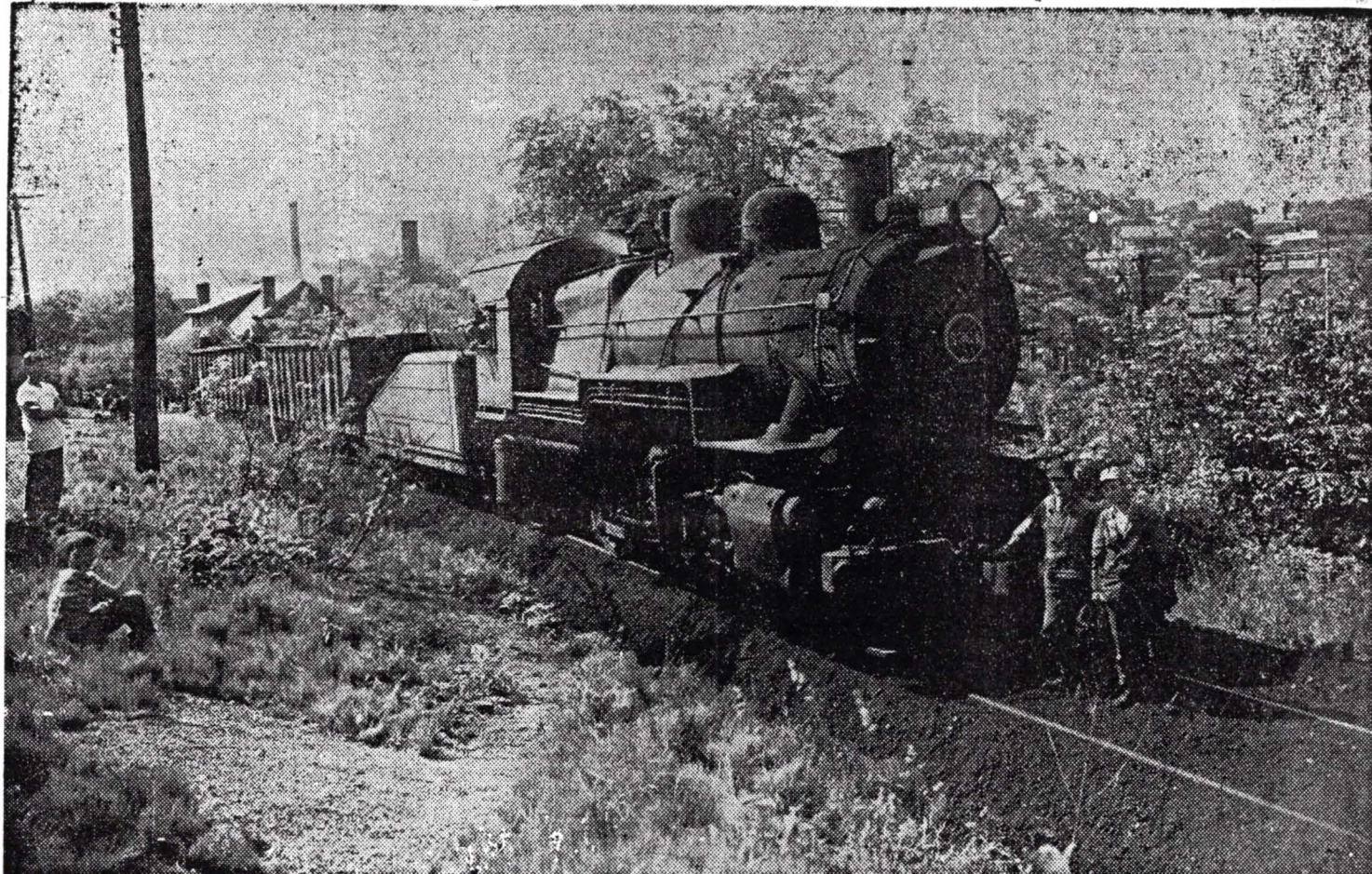
Miss Nellie J. Francis, 41, assistant chief probation officer of Washington County Juvenile Court, died at 9:30 a. m., Monday, Aug. 13, 1945, in her home, 545 Isabella avenue, North Charleroi.

She was born in North Charleroi, June 21, 1904, was educated in the Charleroi grade schools and high school and was graduated from Penn State College.

Miss Francis was a daughter of August and Anna Francis and was a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are her parents; two brothers, Herman Francis, North Charleroi, and Frank Francis, Elrama, and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Binns, Library; Mrs. Dena Coven, Cowansville and Miss Mary Francis, at home.

First Standard Gauge Engine Is Shown On New W. & W. Railroad



For the first time in the history of the Waynesburg & Washington railroad, a standard gauge engine was operated over a part of its right of way yesterday. With a couple of standard gauge cars attached, the largest type of engine ever to travel over the route of the once historic narrow gauge was in operation yesterday as work on the standardizing of the road was pressed with vigor. Cinders

were hauled along the track as far as the Elm street crossing. Crowds of varying size assembled during the day to watch the work progress. The event is undoubtedly another major step in the development of the road and the opening at some future date of virgin coal fields through which the "Waynie" Route passes.

Rexroad-Fetevich

Mr. and Mrs. John Fotovich, Rea, announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Fotovich, to Cpl. Elmer H. Rexroad, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Callow of Spencer, W. Va. The marriage took place Sunday, Aug. 5, at Avella.

Both the bride and her attendant, Mrs. Dorothy Bahish, wore white street length dresses with white accessories. The bride had a gardenia corsage and Mrs. Bahish, maid of honor, had a corsage of roses.

Mike Bahish served as best man. A dinner at the home of the bride followed the ceremony, after which the evening was enjoyed in dancing. The newlyweds spent a few days at Spencer, W. Va., and the bridegroom has now reported to his base for further service.

Water Well Good For 1,200 Gallons Hourly

HICKORY, Sept. 9—A. R. Stewart, Woodrow, district water well contractor, has completed drilling a well on the Jewel Hinerman farm, near Hickory, which he could not pump dry. A stream of water was struck at seven feet and a conservative estimate is that it would produce 1,200 gallons of water in an hour. The well is filled within two feet of the top. The taste is good.

Honored on Birthday

John Loughman, Shiris avenue, who celebrated his 80th birthday Sunday was the honor guest at a party held in the I. O. O. F. Temple Friday night. The hosts at this affair were the members of the Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge and the members of the Dames of Malta Lodge. Mr. Loughman is a member of the Rebekah Order.

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm I will sell at public sale on the G. L. Brown farm, one mile south of Cross Creek Village, two miles north of Rea Station on Rea to Cross Creek blacktop road,

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25
1 o'clock p. m.

Six ton baled timothy hay, hillside and land plows, 2 cultivators, hay rake, rope, forks.

Sow and 4 pigs.

Bedroom suite, dining room table and chairs, vanity dresser, kitchen cabinet, electric washer.

Many small tools and articles too numerous to mention.

C. W. WILLIAMS & SONS

G. L. BROWN,
Burgettstown, R. D. 4.
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7-9-45

Claim Fumes Damage Farms In Cross Creek

A suit to recover \$50,000 damages alleged done to his farming land by fumes from the defendant company's plant, has been filed by Thomas B. Brown Jr., and Cleo Brown, his wife, of Cross Creek Township, against the American Zinc & Chemical Company and Climax Molybdenum Company of Pennsylvania, located in Smith Township.

The statement of claims sets forth that the plaintiffs own three farms in Cross Creek Township, which are near the defendants' plants at Langeloth. The one farm known as the Lee farm, containing 124 acres, was purchased by the plaintiffs in 1923, with an additional 4.20 acres purchased in 1924. The Marquis farm, containing 148 acres was purchased by the plaintiffs in 1935, and the place known as the Wiley Vance farm was inherited by Thomas B. Brown Jr.,

from his father in 1939. On each farm were dwellings, barns and other outbuildings.

It is stated that before the events complained of and up to the present time each farm was used for general farming purposes, including dairy farming and the production of vegetables, fruit, corn and grain. It is also stated that the defendants operate manufacturing plants a short distance from these three farms.

It is alleged that in the operation of these plants large quantities of smoke, fumes, vapors, acid, lead, zinc, ore, chemicals, gases and other noxious and deleterious organic matters and substances are emitted from the chimneys of the plants, and that these vapors settle upon the three farms, including the buildings, crops, and livestock.

It is stated further that beginning with 1941 and continuing to the present time the operations by

the defendants were greatly increased. It is claimed that as a result plant life has been blighted and killed on the three farms: that the soil has become contaminated, eroded, washed and laid waste, and the ground and soil have become infected, diseased, wasted away and killed cows and other animals.

It is claimed further that as a result the three farms have become almost worthless for farm purposes and have lost their value for residential purposes and for the sale of building and home sites.

J. N. CARSON CAMPBELL

J. N. Carson Campbell, 232 East Hallam avenue, one of Washington's best known residents and a shoe merchant for many years, died yesterday at 3 a. m., in the Monongalia General Hospital, Morgantown, W. Va., following an illness of two weeks.

Mr. Campbell was born in Buffalo Township December 4, 1867, the son of the late John and Rebecca Lane Campbell and lived the greater part of his life in Washington.

He was a member of Third Presbyterian Church where he had been superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years and an elder 37 years. He was also a Past Master of Blue Lodge, F. and A.M. 164, a member of the Knights Templar, the Pittsburgh Consistory and a charter member of the Bassett Club.

Mr. Campbell started in the shoe business under the firm name of Hench and Campbell which later became Margerum and Campbell. When that business was discontinued he continued in the shoe business under his own name until he retired from active work in 1934.

Mr. Campbell was united in marriage in 1906 to Miss Helen Gabby, who survives with the following children: Mary, wife of Dr. Charles S. Mahan, Mt. Morris; John G. Campbell, Dormont; Rebecca, wife of Lieut. George H. Warrick Jr., at home, and Lieut. William C. Campbell, Eglin Field, Fla. Two grandchildren also survive. 8-29-45

9-19 CLYDE WILSON 1945

Clyde Wilson, of Seattle, Wash., a native of Mt. Pleasant Township, died yesterday at Wakina, Wash., due to heart trouble.

Mr. Wilson came east to visit a sister, Mrs. Lida Somerlade, of Wooster, Ohio, and then came to Washington to visit relatives, leaving here Tuesday, Sept. 11. His sister died Wednesday, Sept. 12, and was buried near Wooster.

From here Mr. Wilson went to Toronto, Canada, and Windsor, Canada, to visit a son and a daughter, and was on his way home when he became ill. It is thought he was taken off the train at Wakina.

Mr. Wilson, a son of Robert S. and Margaret Irvine Wilson, was born April 26, 1886, in Mt. Pleasant Township, where he spent his early life. About 32 years ago he went to Calgary, Canada, and for a long period was employed by the International Harvester Company. For the last few years he has been in Seattle, where he served as national personnel chairman for the Holland Furnace Company.

Surviving are his wife and eight children, Lt. Jack Wilson, in the Canadian Army, who he visited at Toronto; Ann Wilson, Windsor, Canada; James, in the U. S. Army and now in Florida after returning from overseas; Anthony, Patrick, Francis, Theresa and Mary, all at home.

Mr. Wilson was one of a family of 12 children, of whom five survive. They are Harry Wilson, connected with the Pittsburgh schools; David F. Wilson, Washington; W. W. Wilson, recently retired principal of the Clark School, Washington; R. A. Wilson, residing on the home farm near Hickory, and Roy Wilson, Seattle.

Burial will be at Seattle.

H. H. Williams Is Called By Death

Prominent Monongahela Realtor Dies At Age Of 87

Harry H. Williams, 87, a native of Carroll Township and prominently identified with the real estate business in the Monongahela Valley for over 50 years, died at 6:35 p. m., Monday, Aug. 13, 1945, in the Carolyn Nursing Home, here, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Williams, the last of his family, was born in Carroll Township, Sept. 23, 1858, a son of Ralston and Sarah Gaston Williams. Two sisters, Jane M. and Belle M. Williams, and a brother, the Rev. Charles G. Williams, a Presbyterian minister, preceded him in death.

Mr. Williams was a retail salesman for a number of years and in 1898 he became associated with his father in the fire insurance and real estate business in Monongahela under the firm name of R. Williams & Son, and on the death of his father in 1911, Mr. Williams took over the business which he continued until his health became impaired.

Mr. Williams served as a secretary of the Monongahela Memorial Hospital Association and was active in community affairs as long as his health permitted. Politically, he was a Republican. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Monongahela and for several years was a member and clerk of the Session.

Fraternally, Mr. Williams was a member of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, F. & A. M.; Monongahela Chapter No. 249, Royal Arch Masons; McKean Commandery, No. 80, Knights of Templar, at Charleroi; Syria Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Pittsburgh, and the Pennsylvania Consistory of the Scottish Rite, of Pittsburgh.

Two nephews survive, J. T. Williams, of Denver, Colo., and Brad R. Williams, of Canonsburg.

Small Tornado Strikes Bethany

'Straight Blow' Causes Damage At College Town

BETHANY, Sept. 20—(AP)—A small-scale tornado struck this little northern West Virginia panhandle college town today, uprooting more than 20 trees, ripping the roof from the Bethany College observatory and shattering windows.

No one was injured at the college. President W. E. Cramblett reported.

The tornado hit the western end of the town (pop. 400) and swept across the college campus, destroying trees surrounding historic Campbell House, home of the founder of the century-old college.

Fire Chief Frank Griben said it was not a "twister, but just a straight blow."

Griben said he drove out to the western side of the town to watch the wind's progress and that it apparently "blew itself out" near the Pennsylvania line. He estimated damage to college property would not exceed \$3,000.

Last week a tornado struck parts of Greene County, Pa., just over the West Virginia line, doing considerable damage.

Griben said today's wind in no way compared with the intensity of the tornado of June, 1944, which took more than 100 lives in central West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania.

County Woman Is Burned To Death

A 55-year-old Eldersville woman was burned to death when fire swept a cow shed in the rear of her home between 9 and 10 p. m. Tuesday.

The victim, Mrs. Catherie Sabbath, apparently was trapped in the shed when it suddenly caught fire and burned to the ground.

Mrs. Sabbath's body, badly charred, was removed from the ruins by members of the Burgettstown Fire Department, who were called to the scene, but not in time to save the woman.

Mrs. Sabbath, wife of Mike Sabbath, was born Sept. 17, 1889.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Edward, at home, and John, in the U. S. armed forces overseas, and five daughters, Helen, at home; Mrs. Olga Habely, Cleveland, O.; Stella, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Effie Goffoli, Hanlin Station, and Mrs. Wanda Koski, Steubenville, O.

LIDA WILSON SOMERLADE

The death of Lida Wilson Somerlade, a native and for many years a resident of the Hickory section, occurred yesterday morning at 8:30 a. m. at the Samaritan Hospital, Ashland, O., following an operation which she underwent about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Somerlade, a daughter of the late Robert S. and Margaret Irvine Wilson, was born near Hickory where she spent her early life. She was aged about 62 years.

Following her marriage to William Somerlade of the Hickory section, they moved to Ohio near Wooster. Mr. Somerlade died several years ago and Mrs. Somerlade continued to live near Wooster. She was one of a family of 12 children, 10 boys and two girls.

She is survived by three sons, William, Carl and Wayne Somerlade, all living near Wooster.

The following brothers survive: W. W. Wilson, for many years principal of the Clark School; David Wilson, Washington; R. A. Wilson, near Hickory; Roy and Clyde Wilson, Seattle, Wash., and Harry Wilson, connected with the Pittsburgh schools.

Clyde Wilson, the brother from Seattle, spent the past few days with his sister and had left for home Tuesday.

Mrs. Somerlade was a member of the Christian Church at Wooster and had taken an active part in community affairs. She was well known in the Washington area. 9-13-45

JOHN F. (Jack) ANDERSON

John F. (Jack) Anderson, veteran of World War I and widely known as a civil engineer, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 11 p. m. at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, W. Va. He became ill while employed by the Harrison Construction Company, of Pittsburgh, at Charleston, W. Va., and went to the Huntington hospital for treatment.

Mr. Anderson, a son of the late John and Sarissa Magill Anderson, was born in Cross Creek Township but had spent the greater part of his life in Washington, the family home being in Allison avenue, near Third street.

As an engineer, Mr. Anderson was employed on numerous road, street and construction projects in this district before going to the Harrison Construction Co., Pittsburgh. He maintained his residence here until about five years ago.

Two sisters and a brother survive: Mrs. Laura M. Lee, Cross Creek; Mrs. Charles Kamp, Crafton and William M. Anderson, in Honolulu.

ANDERSON—Friends of John F. (Jack) Anderson, who died at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, W. Va., Tuesday night, will be received at the home of his niece, Mrs. H. Lester Lee, Cross Creek, after noon Saturday until 2 p. m. Sunday when the remains will be taken to the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday. Interment will be in Cross Creek Cemetery. Lee & Wilson, Burgettstown, funeral directors.

Stewart-McWhorter

At a double ring ceremony performed Monday, September 17 at 7:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, Miss Virginia McWhorter, daughter of Mrs. James E. McWhorter, Burgettstown, and of the late James E. McWhorter, became the bride of Sgt. William Robert Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Stewart of Eldersville. The Rev. Jacob C. Ruble officiated. Miss Miriam Cassidy sang "Because," "I Love You Truly," and "Oh Promise Me" accompanied by Miss Celestine Stievenart, church organist.

The bride chose a white lace and net gown with a sweetheart neck line and a short train. She wore a Juliet cap ornamented with seed pearls and a fingertip veil. Her bouquet was of white roses. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, G. Roy Sutherland of Aliquippa, and was attended by her sister Mary Jane McWhorter, who wore a blue net gown and carried pink roses.

William L. Magee of Wellsburg, W. Va., cousin of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were George McWhorter, brother of the bride, Jay Stewart, brother of the bridegroom, Jack Sutherland, cousin of the bride and William Kidd, cousin of the groom.

The bride's mother wore robin's egg blue dress with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. The bridegroom's mother wore poudre blue with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Following a reception, held in the church annex for 60 friends and relatives, the young couple left for a short wedding trip.

The bride is a graduate of Union High School in the class of '41. She attended Westminster College at New Wilmington for one year, and studied at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. for work as a chemical technician. She was employed by the Frazer-Brace Company at Meadville for two years and the Koppers Company at Kobuta for one year.

The bridegroom, a member of the Air Transport Command, has recently returned from two years duty in England and Africa with the Eighth Air Force. Upon completion of a 30-day furlough he will be stationed at Romulus Air Field near Detroit, Mich.

PASTOR—Friends of Frank Pastor, who died Saturday, Sept. 1, in the Gill Memorial Hospital, Steubenville, O., will be received at the late home, Bethel Ridge road, Avella, Jefferson Township. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 2 p. m. in the Bethel M. P. Church, near Eldersville, in charge of the Rev. Ward Elliott, pastor. Interment in the Bethel Cemetery.

Return To Wedding Scene To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Don P. Montgomery, Youngstown, O., celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary Saturday afternoon Sept. 1, at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Thompson, West Middletown, where they were married 25 years ago.

Between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock friends were received, and the afternoon's enjoyment was made complete by a varied program of entertainment presented from the front porch where the couple's wedding took place.

Group singing of "America" was followed by piano solos by Miss Marjorie Montgomery and Miss Emy Lou Montgomery, daughters of the honored couple. Letters of greetings were read, after which Mrs. J. J. McIlvaine of New Castle, sang a solo. She was soloist at the wedding. Mrs. C. B. Buxton, Valencia, sister of the Mrs. Montgomery, read an original poem dedicated to the Montgomerys.

Greetings from the Harrisville Church of which Dr. Montgomery was pastor for seven years, were read by Dr. and Mrs. Robert McGarvey, Harrisville; and a similar message from the Pleasant Grove Church, Youngstown, O., where Dr. Montgomery has been pastor for 17 years, was brought by Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith, Youngstown.

Remarks by Dr. R. W. Gibson, Pittsburgh, and prayer by the Rev. Fred McClellan, West Middletown, concluded the informal entertainment.

Refreshments were served in the dining room where Mrs. J. J. McIlvaine, New Castle, sister of Dr.

Montgomery, and C. B. Buxton, sister of Mrs. Montgomery, poured. The tea table was centered with a bowl of white asters, flanked on either side with silver candles. Garden flowers adorned the home. Mrs. Thompson was assisted in serving by her sister, Miss Bess Elliott, and the Misses Thelma Carl, Lillian Jones, Marjorie Ann and Emy Lou Montgomery.

Besides the honored guests and their daughters, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Buxton, Valencia; Dr. and Mrs. J. J. McIlvaine and son, Jimmy of New Castle; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith, Youngstown, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGarvey, Harrisville; Harold Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lowrey, New Concord, O.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Gilson and sons, Jackie and Barry, and daughter, Marvlyn, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright, Mrs. Elvira Garrett, Mrs. Sarah Denny, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wolfe and son, Marlin, Washington.

Mrs. E. L. Hazlett, Lieut. and Mrs. Dan C. Meyer and Mrs. J. C. Kerr, Canonsburg; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Laing, Hickory, the Rev. Fred McClellan, and Miss Janet Bemis, West Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. Homer M. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Temple, sons, Darrell and Dale, Miss Lillian Jones and Miss Bess Elliott, Rea, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nixon, Fairmount, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson and Miss Thelma Carl, Avella.

LOUIS DANNA

Louis Danna, 61, Studa, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 1945, at 5:35 p. m. at the Washington Hospital where he had been a patient for 25 days. He was born in Italy but had been a resident of the Avella-Cedar Grove district 40 years. He was employed in district mines until 1939 when he retired.

His wife, Frances Marino Danna, died in 1940. Survivors are three sons and one daughter: Pfc. Joseph, in Europe; Seaman 1/c John, U. S. Navy, now on leave; Tony of Studa; and Rosalie at home; also two grandchildren.

CHARLES KELLY

Charles Kelly, a well-known citizen of Avella, died at the Washington hospital Sunday night, Sept. 2, 1945, at 7:10 p. m. Details on his death and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

CHARLES J. KELLY

Charles J. Kelly, 58, one of the well known residents of Independence Township, died at the Washington Hospital Sunday evening, Sept. 2, 1945, at 7:05 o'clock. Death followed a serious illness of several days and an operation.

Mr. Kelly was born at Corning, O., May 5, 1886, a son of Patrick and Mary Quigley Kelly. The family moved to Broughton where Mr. Kelly lived for 20 years, moving to the Avella district about 26 years ago. He was employed by the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation at Castle Shannon and Avella, holding a position at the local mine until it closed in 1938.

For several years, Mr. Kelly had been employed as a maintenance foreman by the State Highway Department. He served as constable of Independence Township for 15 years. He was a member of the St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, of Avella.

His wife, Mary Griffin Kelly, survives with six sons and three daughters: Pvt. Charles, home on furlough; Lt. Francis, home on emergency leave; John, James, Hugh, Paul, Mary E., Rita and Mrs. Kathryn Bartolott, at home. One grandchild survives.

Two brothers and three sisters also survive: John Kelly, Baldwin Township; Frank Kelly, Broughton; Mrs. John Powell, Broughton; Mrs. James Collins, St. Clairsville, O., and Mrs. Michael Casey, of Carrick.

FRANK McCLAY 7-3-45

Frank McClay died at his home, Washington, R. D. 5, at 7:45 p. m., Saturday, following an illness of two years.

He was born in Canton Township, February 17, 1882, the son of the late David and Martha Paxton McClay.

For the past seven years Mr. McClay was a farmer and dairyman. For 25 years prior to that he was a retail milk dealer near Vances Station.

He was a member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Henderson McClay; three daughters, Gertrude, wife of Walter Piatt, Washington R. D. 2; Hilda, wife of Peter Janovich, Claysville R. D. 2 and Virginia, wife of Donald Gorby, Washington; one son, Robert E. McClay, Washington; two brothers, J. B. McClay, Washington R. D. 5 and A. J. McClay, Uniontown. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

MRS. ZUZANA MIKUS

Mrs. Zuzana Mikus, 86, died at her home at Hanlin Station, R. D. 1, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1945, at 6:30 p. m., following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Mikus was born in Czechoslovakia, Dec. 23, 1858, a daughter of the late John and Anna Datkluaiak. She formerly resided at Scotts Run, Brooke County, W. Va.

For the past 22 years she has resided in Washington County. Her husband, John, died 20 years ago.

Mrs. Mikus was a member of the Methodist Church. She also belonged to the Sarodny Slovensky Spoljak lodge at Avella.

She leaves the following sons, Andrew, Hanlin Station, R. D. 1; Michael, at home; Paul, Elm Grove, W. Va.; John, in Europe; a daughter, Mrs. John Saver, Eldersville; a brother, John Datkluaiak, Powhatan, Ohio; and ten grandchildren.

SABBATH—Friends of Mrs. Catherine Sabbath, of Eldersville, who died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1945, will be received at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Effie Goffoli, Hanlin Station, where services will be held at 2 p. m., Friday, Sept. 7. Burial will be in Eldersville Cemetery. Lee & Wilson, Burgettstown, funeral directors.

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MRS. ANGELINE ARCURE

Mrs. Angeline Arcure, 74, Westland, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 1945, at 5:45 a. m., at the Canonsburg General Hospital where she had been a patient one week. She was the widow of Guy Arcure who for many years operated a grocery store in Westland. His death occurred five years ago.

The deceased was born in Italy, Jan. 10, 1871, but had been a resident of the Westland district for 45 years. She was a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Canonsburg.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters: John and Sam Arcure, of Westland; Sam Raymond, a foster son, of Strabane; Mrs. Rose Gallina, Houston; Mrs. Theresa Walters, Canonsburg; and Sgt. Mary Katherine Arcure, a member of the Women's Reserve, of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va.; also 15 grandchildren.

GEORGE SCIAMANNA

George Sciamanna, 56, a retired merchant of Slovan, died in the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, Sunday, September 2, at 5:45 A. M. following a lingering illness.

Mr. Sciamanna was born in Italy March 14, 1889, and came to the United States in 1901. He started business in Slovan in 1913 operating a general store. He was a member of the Sons of Italy of Slovan, the Slovan Italian Club and the S. I. M. S. of Slovan.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Stura Sciamanna, and the following children: Elizabeth, Amalia, Amita and P. J. Sciamanna, all at home and Edward, in the Air Corps in Burma.

SCIAMANNA — Friends of George Sciamanna, who died Sunday, September 2, 1945, will be received at the Sciamanna home on Main street, Slovan. Further arrangements will be announced. Lee & Wilson, Burgettstown, funeral directors.

WELLS—Mrs. Fanny Wells, wife of Cyrus Wells, R. D. 2, Avella, died at the North Wheeling Hospital Saturday, Sept. 1, 1945. Friends will be received at the late home where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4, at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Ward Elliott, Eldersville. Interment will be in St. John Cemetery. James-Gardener Funeral Home, Follansbee, W. Va., funeral directors.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Carl, Friday, Sept. 21, 1945, at home, a son.

MRS. CYRUS WELLS

Mrs. Fanny Wells, 58, wife of Cyrus Wells, Avella, R. D. 2., died in the North Wheeling Hospital, Saturday at 11 a. m. following an illness. *died 9-1-45*

Mrs. Wells was a daughter of Dennis and Elizabeth Barnhart Grigsby and was born at West Liberty Aug. 11, 1887. Her marriage to Mr. Wells was solemnized at Wheeling Aug. 4, 1909. The family resided at Burgettstown for a number of years but had lived on a farm near Avella for the past 23 years.

Mr. Wells survives with four children: Mrs. Howard Henry, Wellsburg, R. D. 3; Cpl. Otho Wells, in South Pacific; Carl Wells, Follansbee, W. Va., and Sgt. Ralph Wells, Camp Seymour Johnson, N. C. She leaves three grandchildren.

Three sisters and three brothers survive: Mrs. Lester Hall, Colliers, R. D. 1; Mrs. Howard Neiser, Lancaster, O.; Mrs. Ernie Gillespie, Eldersville; Bentley Grigsby, Carrollton, O.; Earl Grigsby, R. D. 3, Wellsburg and Dennis Grigsby, R. D. 1, Colliers, W. Va.

Couple Wed 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pettibon, Eldersville, very quietly marked their 60th wedding anniversary on September 24. The Open House which was to have been held in their honor was cancelled due to the fact that Mr. Pettibon was taken to the Washington Hospital for observation September 16.

Many greeting cards and floral tributes were received by the couple in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Pettibon is now the guest of her niece, Mrs. Samuel Meeneely, 151 East Katherine avenue. On the day of their anniversary she was permitted to spend some time with her husband.

Mr. Pettibon underwent his first operation in Washington Hospital Wednesday, September 26, and today is reported as resting comfortably.

MRS. SUSAN PHILLIP COWDEN

Mrs. Susan Phillip Cowden, 74, wife of W. B. Cowden, of Hickory, died at her home this morning at 12:05 a. m., after a lingering illness.

She had lived in Hockory all her life and was an active member of the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, a member of the Womens Missionary Society and a regular attendant as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: five sons, Harry, Kline, Andrew, Glen and James, all of Hickory; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Toward, Hickory; Mrs. Wilda Porter, Washington; Mrs. Eleanor Perrin, Coraopolis; Mrs. Martha Jane Borland, of Hartford, Conn. Six sisters and a brother also survive.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. *9-25-45*

MRS. ZUZANA MIKUS

Mrs. Zuzana Mikus, 86, died at her home at Hanlin Station, R. D. 1, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1945, at 6:30 p. m., following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Mikus was born in Czech-slovakia, Dec. 23, 1858, a daughter of the late John and Anna Datkluak. She formerly resided at Scotts Run, Brooke County, W. Va. For the past 22 years she has resided in Washington County. Her husband, John, died 20 years ago.

Mrs. Mikus was a member of the Methodist Church. She also belonged to the Sarodny Slovensky Spolok lodge at Avella.

She leaves the following sons, Andrew, Hanlin Station, R. D. 1; Michael, at home; Paul, Elm Grove, W. Va.; John, in Europe; a daughter, Mrs. John Saver, Eldersville; a brother, John Datkluak, Powhatan, Ohio; and ten grandchildren.

VAN PETTIBON

Van Pettibon, 82, of Eldersville, died Monday, Oct. 1, 1945, at 12:40 a. m., at the Washington Hospital. He had been admitted to the Hospital two weeks ago and was believed recovering from an operation when fatally stricken.

He was born April 9, 1864, in Washington County, a son of William and Nancy Jane Metcalf Pettibon.

Mr. Pettibon, a retired farmer, had spent his entire life in the Eldersville district. He was married to Allie Price on Sept. 24, 1885, at Pattersons Mill.

Besides his wife he leaves a brother, T. A. Pettibon, and a sister, Mrs. Louis Wigman, both of Eldersville; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A daughter is deceased.

JOHN PIRIH, SR.

John Pirih, Sr., 60 died at his home, Burgettstown, R. D. 3, *near* Cherry Valley, Thursday evening at 5:30 o'clock after a long illness.

Mr. Pirih was born in Austria, Dec. 29, 1884, coming to the United States in 1909. He took up farming and was engaged in that capacity throughout his life. He was a member of the SNPJ Lodge of Slovan and the AFU, of Pittsburgh.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Pirih, survives with the following children; Mary Suarez, Detroit; John, Jr., Burgettstown, R. D. 3; Amelia, of Cleveland; Henry, recently discharged from the U. S. Army; Benjamin, of Slovan; Caroline, Women's Army Corps and Leapolda, at home. He leaves two grandchildren.

Mr. Pirih died Oct 18, 1945

Mr Pirih died Jan. 19, 1963

Buried at Mt. Pleasant

Hickory District Couple Home After Honeymoon

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Ball daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Ball, Mt. Lebanon, and John C. Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes of Woodrow. The ceremony took place Saturday evening, Aug. 18, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church in Hickory, in the presence of the immediate families.

The bride wore aqua with brown accessories with a shoulder corsage of red roses, and her only attendant, Miss Edith Smith, Mt. Lebanon, wore a rose and black dress with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

The bride's mother wore a dress of violet purple, and the bridegroom's mother, wore fuchsia. Each had a corsage of red roses. Clifford Schaffer of Rea was best

man. ⁹⁻⁶⁻⁴⁵ Supplementing the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home with 50 relatives and friends of the two families present.

The bride was graduated from Mt. Lebanon High school. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High school and is employed by a bus company of Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have returned from a wedding trip to Erie, Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada, and will reside in Mt. Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shaffer entertained at dinner at their home at Rea, Sunday at 1:30, in honor of the newlyweds. Other guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Schaffer and daughter, Irene, of Coraopolis; Miss Anna Schaffer, Miss Mary Britt, Hickory; Mr. Floyd of Washington; and Clifford Schaffer.

10-24-45

ETHEL ABER CURRAN

Ethel Aber Curran, wife of John J. Curran, died at her home, 61 Burton avenue, Monday night at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Curran had been in failing health since last May when she underwent an operation.

She was born at Sheridan, Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late John W. and Catherine E. Aber. She attended public schools in Pittsburgh, a Pittsburgh High School, and the University of Pittsburgh.

In 1912, she moved to Washington with her parents, and in 1914 was elected to teach in the Clark School where she was for seven years.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, St. Joseph's Aid Society, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Dogwood Twig of Washington Hospital, and treasurer of the Home Conservation Club for 20 years.

Surviving besides her husband are the following children: Pfc. Justin Aber Curran, 26th Infantry, First Division, on furlough from the European Theater; T/S Cornelius Curran, Fifth Air Corps on detached service in Europe; and Private John J. Curran Jr., stationed at Virginia Military Institute. A son, Regis Curran, died in 1939; one grandson, John Jeffrey Curran and the following brothers and sisters survive: Lois A. Green, Detroit, Mich.; Helene A. Jackson, Mt. Lebanon; Kathryn A. Spriggs, Frank E. Aber, Mildred A. Day, and Jack Aber, all of Washington.

Cross Creek Man Takes Own Life

Body Of Studa Man, Missing Since Friday, Found Near Home

AVELLA, Oct. 22.—The body of Gaspere Corvo, 68, a bullet hole behind the right ear and a revolver on the ground nearby, was found today in a small clump of woods 400 yards from his home at Studa, Rea, R. D. 1.

State Police and Deputy Coroner W. Howard Thompson, who investigated, declared Corvo had taken his own life.

The body was found shortly before noon by Mrs. Ambrose Ghelfi and her daughter, Virginia, neighbors, who were walking through the woods along the Cross Creek Road, three miles from Avella.

Authorities were immediately notified. They found a .32 Colt automatic beside the body.

Corvo, who police said, was discharged last June from a mental institution, left his home last Friday between 10 and 11 a. m. In departing, police were told he said to his wife, Serefina, "Good-bye. Don't think I see you any more."

Mrs. Corvo, speaking brokenly, told officers she was not particularly alarmed when her husband failed to return. The Ghelfis reported they saw him pass their place, not far distant, about 11 a. m. Friday. Although the shot was not heard by neighbors, authorities said Corvo apparently shot himself a short time after leaving home.

OSCAR H. GILES

A 72-year-old man, Oscar H. Giles, was found dead yesterday morning in his home, 690½ Henderson avenue. 95

Neighbors, who reported the man had not been seen since last Sunday, called City Police yesterday shortly after 9 o'clock. Officers forced their way into the man's home, and found his partially clothed body lying on a bed.

The aged man, believed the victim of a heart ailment, had formerly worked for the Findlay Clay Products Company, but had not been employed for the last 10 years.

ROSE ANN COMFORT

Rose Ann Comfort, daughter of James and Wilma Martin Comfort, 353 Weirich avenue, died at Washington Hospital, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. She was six months and 13 days old.

Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers, John and James Jr. Comfort and four half-brothers, William, Martin, August, Joseph and Thomas Comfort.

OSCAR H. GILES

Oscar H. Giles, 72, was found dead yesterday morning, Wednesday, October 17, in his home, 690½ Henderson avenue, apparently a victim of a heart attack.

Neighbors reported to the City Police they had not seen him since Sunday morning. Upon investigating, the Police found his body in bed, partially clothed.

He formerly had been employed by the Findlay Clay Products Company, but had not worked for the past 10 years.

He was born April 1, 1874, in McKeesport, a son of the late Thomas and Mary Chess Giles. He is survived by one daughter, Josephine, the wife of Emery Lang, of Erie; several nieces and nephews, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Wed 56 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Kraeer, Burgettstown, R. D. 4, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 10. A pleasant evening was spent in conversation and music, after which lunch was served.

The honored couple was presented with beautiful woolen blankets, a gift of their children, and a three-tiered wedding cake decorated appropriately to the occasion. The cake was presented by their granddaughter, Jane McCreary. Guests present were their children, grandchildren and a few invited guests.

To this union were born six children: Otto I. Kraeer, Woodrow; Samuel M. Kraeer, Canonsburg; Mrs. Harry McCreary and Thomas M. Kraeer, Cross Creek; and Mrs. George Alrutz, Hickory. A son, Raymond Kraeer is deceased. 95

Local Couple Wed 50 Years



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL FILBY

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Filby, 109 Brady avenue, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, September 12, by receiving their relatives and friends at their home.

Mr. Filby and the former Stella Carroll, were united in marriage September 12, 1895 at the old Walton House, Waynesburg, by the Rev. William Elmer Howard, D. D., West Union, now deceased.

They made their home on Ruffs Creek and after a few years moved to the Joseph A. Gray farm, near Ten Mile, where they lived for 17 years. Since that time, they have lived at 109 Brady avenue.

Mr. Filby was employed in Washington by the Sidway-Topliffe Company as a cutter until it was closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Filby have two sons and one grandson. One grandson, Samuel Ernest, died January 25, 1923. He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Filby, 700 Fayette street. The other

grandson is John Carrel Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Filby, 4804 West 61st Terrace, Mission, Kans.

Last Sunday afternoon, the couple received congratulations, gifts and cards. Highlight of the occasion was a telephone call made to Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Thomas, Miami, Fla. Mrs. Thomas is a sister of Mrs. Filby.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, Van Wert, O.; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Samson and grandson, Eddie, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson, Washington R. D. 3; Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, Steubenville, O.; Mrs. John Grantz and children, Betty, Ray, Joy, Eleanor, Milton, and Margaret; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, Mrs. W. G. Potter, Mrs. J. J. Fetherlin, Miss Almeda Booth, Miss Clara Booth, Mrs. Della Blaney, Mrs. Ray Christy, and Mrs. Paul Day, the honored guests and the members of their family.

Smiley-Love

Miss Marie Love, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Love and the late John Love of Raccoon, and Paul Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley of Bavington were united in marriage Saturday evening, October 20 at 7:30 in the bride's home.

The Rev. A. A. Love of Mt. Washington, nephew of the bride's father, officiated at the single-ring ceremony performed by candlelight. Mrs. A. A. Love, the former Miss Mary Thome of Burgettstown, sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. William Flurkey.

Mrs. Hugh Hitchcock of Burgettstown attended the bride as matron of honor and Reamond Smiley, the groom's brother, was best man.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Samuel Reedy of Washington, chose a white lace and net gown with finger-tip veil crowned with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanitis, centered with an orchid. In fulfillment of "something borrowed" she wore her mother's pearl necklace. The matron of honor wore blue taffeta and carried a bouquet of pellow chrysanthemums. The bride's mother was attired in black crepe while Mrs. Smiley chose maroon crepe. Each wore a corsage of baby mums.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home for the 38 guests who had attended the wedding. The couple left for a southern trip.

The bride is a graduate of Union high school in the class of 1936 and of Westminster College in 1940. She taught in West Alexander and Hickory schools and for the past three years has served as a commercial teacher on the Union high school faculty. She plans to resume her position upon her return home.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Union high school in the class of 1935, and prior to his induction into the service in 1942 he was employed by Jones and Laughlin at Aliquippa. He served in the European theater for 18 months with the 146th Signal company of the Sixth Armored Division. He received his discharge recently from Indiantown Gap.

FRANK S. HANLIN

Frank S. Hanlin, 76, died Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28, 1945, in the home of his sister, Mrs. Lillian Hanlin Hunter, of Route 31, three miles west of Buffalo Village. He had been in poor health for six months, but suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Saturday.

Mr. Hanlin, a son of Grant and Sarah Fink Hanlin, was born Jan. 12, 1869, at what was known as Hanlin's Mill, in Hanover Township, near Hanlin Station. He was one of a family of 10 children and spent his early boyhood on the home farm. About 20 years ago he moved to near Rea, and for the last eight years lived with his sister. He was a member of the Tucker Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Hanlin Hunter, of near Buffalo; Mrs. Robert Fulton, Hanlin Station, R. D., and one brother, Grant Hanlin, San Francisco.

ELIZABETH Z. PETERSON

Miss Elizabeth Z. Peterson, of Greensburg, assistant director of the Peterson System of Penmanship Supervision, died in a hospital Friday morning, Oct. 5, following a major operation. The deceased, well known throughout the county through her visits to Washington County schools, was a sister of the late P. O. Peterson, founder of the system. Besides her sister-in-law, Mrs. P. O. Peterson, of Greensburg, a number of nieces and nephews survive.

Little Hemophilia Sufferer Is Waging Courageous Battle



Riley Wesley and Student Nurse

Cheerful and courageous Riley Wesley, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wesley, Washington, R. D. 4, is waging a battle to live against hemophilia, a rather rare blood disease which has defied efforts of the science of medicine to find a cure.

Persons subject to hemophilia bleed profusely and uncontrollably at times, even from the slightest of wounds and over exertion.

Riley has been living on blood transfusions. He has spent practically seven of his 11 years in a hospital and during that time has had 185 transfusions. He has undergone 23 such operations during the present year.

Many local residents as well as relatives and friends have donated type 2 blood for the many transfusions.

Despite all his troubles, Riley is a very cheerful and happy little fellow.

"I want to be a doctor when I grow up so that I can help to make people well and strong," he says. He is a favorite in his ward at the hospital where he spends most of his time.

The Wesleys have four other children who are well and healthy, showing no symptoms of the disease by which their brother has been stricken.

Rizor-Dillie

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Dillie, announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Louise Dillie, to Lawrence Raymond Rizor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Rizor. Both families are residents of Avella, R. D. 1.

The wedding took place Friday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Plants, Avella, R. D., uncle and aunt of the bride. The Rev. John H. Debolt performed the double ring ceremony by candlelight. Wedding selections played were: "Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly," with Mrs. Russell Glaum pianist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of blue net over blue taffeta, fashioned with fitted bodice, long sleeves, high neckline and bouffant skirt. Her veil was shoulder length.

For something old she wore a strand of pearls over 20 years old which belonged to her aunt; for something borrowed she carried a handkerchief; and for luck had a penny in her shoe. Her arm bouquet was of pink rosebuds.

Her sister, Miss La Verne Dillie, only attendant, wore a poudre blue suit with a corsage of rosebuds and chrysanthemums. Her cousin, Dolores McElhany as ring bearer, wore blue with a corsage of rosebuds.

The bride's mother wore brown with white accessories and the bridegroom's mother wore blue with black accessories.

Wylie Plants, Avella, R. D. 1, was best man.

A reception in the Plants home followed the wedding ceremony with 48 guests present. Aides were: Miss Juanita Bond, Mrs. Willard McElhany, Mrs. Albert McElhany, and Mrs. Earl McElhany.

The bride attended Chartiers High School and the bridegroom attended Hopewell Consolidated School and is employed by the Tygart Valley Glass Company.

Since their return from a honeymoon in West Virginia and Ohio, they are residing with the bride's parents.

Huber-Stimpson

Miss Edith Irene Huber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Huber, and Allison Guy Stimpson, both of Cross Creek, were united in marriage at the manse of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church Thursday, Nov. 22. The Rev. Robert Shane, pastor, officiated at 2 p. m.

The bride wore a light blue suit with corsage of ping roses.

Following the ceremony dinner was served to the immediate family at the bride's home. Mrs. Ernest Embleton, cousin of the bride was the only out-of-town guest.

Miss Huber attended Hickory High School and the bridegroom has been employed as a scale master with D. D. Mullett, contractor of Burgettstown. The couple plan to reside at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Adelia Huber.

Tornado Of June 23, 1944 Rated By Insurance Firm One Of Worst Catastrophes In 15 Years

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WAYNESBURG, Oct. 17 —The tornado that swept through Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland on June 23, 1944, leaving 167 dead, including 16 in Greene County, has been cited by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as one of the nation's eight worst catastrophies in the last 15 years.

Catastrophic accidents—defined as those in which five or more persons are killed—claimed about 20,000 lives in the continental United States from 1941 through 1953, statistics report.

The greatest single disaster during the 15 years was the explosion and fire at Texas City, Texas, April 16 and 17, 1947, in which about 560 lost their lives.

In the same period fires were the most costly as to loss of life totaling 5,124. Ranking next in number of fatalities were such natural disasters as tornadoes, hurricanes and floods, which resulted in 3,941 deaths. Motor vehicle castastrophes were responsible for 3,717 deaths.

The 1944 tornado claimed 60 lives in Western Pennsylvania, including 16 killed in Greene County and four in Washington County. Hardest hit locally were the Dry Tavern, Castile and Chartiers communities.

Hitting at nightfall the tornado caused injury to more than 100 persons in Greene County alone. The Greene County Memorial Hospital was overtaxed and an emergency hospital was established in the National Guard Armory in Waynesburg. A disaster shelter was set up by the Red Cross in Waynesburg.

Among the dead were eight at Chartiers Hill; four at Dry Tavern and three at Castile.

Almost 200 homes in the Chartiers region were demolished by the twister that buried many in the ruins.

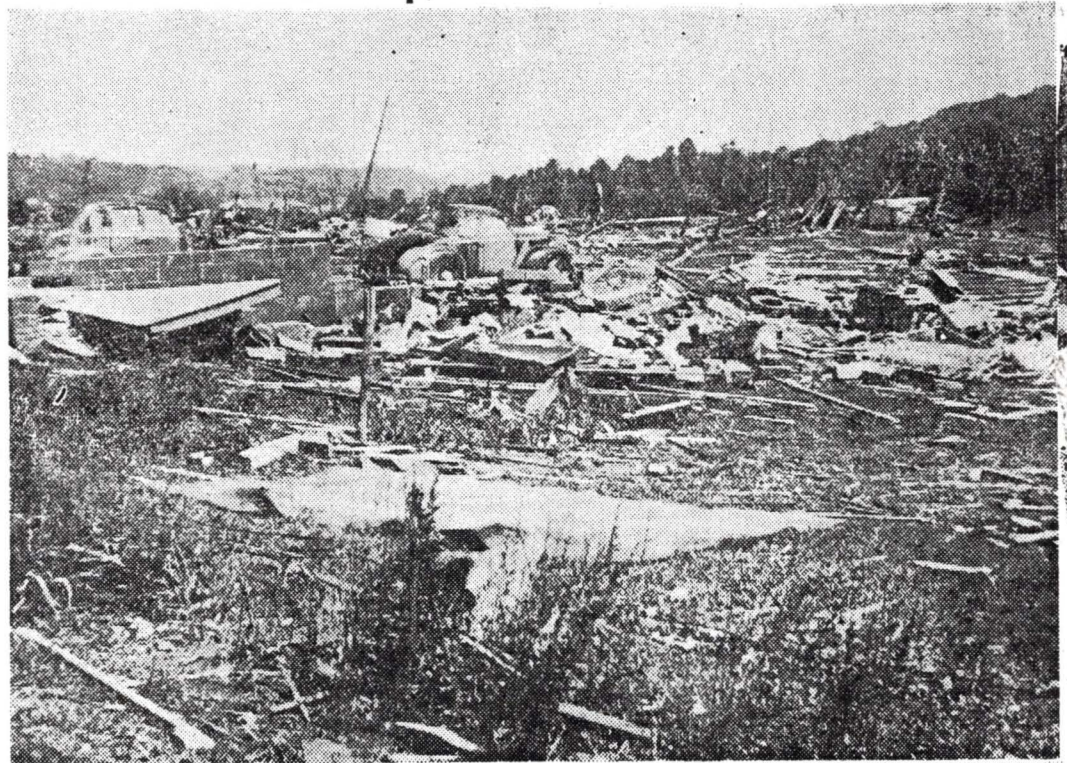
The loss which ran into millions of dollars, included more than 100 barns, countless outbuildings, crops, livestock, farm machinery.

The force of the tornado was such that many cornfields were swept bare, with the root system pulled out of the ground. Meadows suffered the same fate. Farm machinery and parts were scattered in fields and many horses and cattle were caught in falling barns.

The Mt. Zion Church was destroyed and the Christian Church at Dry Tavern was lifted from its foundation, turned at a 90-degree angle and left 50 yards away.

Other disasters resulting in more than 150 deaths in the last 15 years were:

- Night club fire in Boston, Mass., November, 1952 . . . 492.
- Explosion of two ammunition



Memories of the June 23, 1944, tornado, which took a toll of 16 lives in Greene County as it swept through western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland were revived to an extent this week when the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company classified that tornado as one of the eight worst catastrophes in the nation in the

last 15 years. The above pictures are scenes of the destruction at Chartiers and Dry Tavern as recorded for posterity on a small camera by John Grim, circulation manager for The Observer in Greene County. Hundreds were hospitalized in Greene County and hundreds of homes were demolished by the catastrophe that claimed the lives of 167 persons.

- ships, Port Chicago, Calif., July, . . . 229.
- 1944 . . . 322.
- Hurricane "Diane" and floods in July, 1944 . . . 168.
- Series of tornadoes in the Mississippi Valley States, March, 1952; August, 1955 . . . 180.
- Circus fire in Hartford, Conn., August, 1947 . . . 167.

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Mr. & Mrs. George Doman Mark 60



Mrs. Gertrude Filby Doman, will be 82 years old on February 6th. No one in West Finley will recognize her except Evelyn Hawkins. She was her school teacher many years ago. She is the mother of Sue Scott, West Finley, and has nine other children, all living. She celebrated 60 years of marriage this summer to George Doman who is in failing health. They reside at 658 Willemington Avenue, Washington.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE DOMAN recently celebrated 60 years of marriage with their 11 children. They recalled that life was not easy rearing these children as, among other occurrences, the tornado of June 23, 1944 struck their home. Nine-year-old Sue was holding the baby and Mr. and Mrs. Doman were visiting neighbors. As the house collapsed under the force of the tornado, a section of the roof fell at an angle enabling Sue and the baby to crawl to safety. The others also escaped unharmed. Sue is seated beside her father. Now the children are scattered in other parts of the country. Mr. Doman has been in failing health for sometime. The photo was sent by our West Finley correspondent, Mrs. Betty Travis.



55th Anniversary 1981

Mr. and Mrs. George Doman, 658 Wilmington Avenue, Washington, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at a party in their home Sunday, Aug. 2, given by their children for 80 guests. They were presented two money trees and an engraved plaque. The former Gertrude Filby and her husband were married July 29, 1926, in Wellsburg, W. Va., by the Rev. Mr. Carter. Mr. Doman is a retired employee of Bendix Westinghouse in Elyria, Ohio. They are the parents of 11 children: Mrs. Joe Hilliard, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Robert Doman, at home; Lawrence Doman, Elyria; Mrs. Arthur Scott, West Finley; Mrs. Hobart Meadows, Elyria; John Doman, Niceville, Fla.; Mrs. Williard Blair, Columbus, Ohio; Bruce Doman and Mrs. Stephen Kozel, Elyria; Ronald Doman, at home, and Mrs. Rudy Plants, Washington. There are 29 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. DOMAN

City Couple Observes Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Doman of 658 Wilmington Avenue, Washington, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at a party Saturday, July 31, from 1 to 5 p. m., in the Main Pavilion, Washington Park, hosted by their children. Friends and relatives are invited. Mr. Doman and the former Gertrude Filby were married July 29, 1926, in Wellsburg, W. Va., by the Rev. Mr. Carter.

Mr. Doman retired in 1967 from Bendix Westinghouse, Elyria, Ohio. He enjoys reading. Mrs. Doman taught in the Hayes Avenue School in 1925-26, and her favorite

hobby is crocheting. The Domans are the parents of 11 children: Mrs. Joe (Audrey) Hilliard, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Dwight Doman, at home; Duane Doman, Elyria; Mrs. Arthur (Beverly) Scott, West Finley; Mrs. Hobart (Jacqueline) Meadows, Elyria; John Doman, Florida; Mrs. Williard (Marlene) Blair, Columbus, Ohio; Bruce Doman, Elyria; Mrs. Stephen (Sharon) Kozel, Elyria; Ronald Doman, at home, and Mrs. Rudy (Rolene) Plants, Washington. There are 28 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Lightning Destroys Barns In Mt. Pleasant Township

MORE RAIN COMING 9-10-45

Heavy rains Saturday night and early Sunday morning broke one of the most severe droughts experienced in Washington County in recent years, ended the water famine at Avella, and were accompanied by lightning storms which destroyed two barns in the Hickory section.

Rain was heavy in all parts of the county. A total of .95 inches was reported at the water company pump station here.

Avella reported an inch and a half, enough to fill the empty reservoir of the Avella Water Company and restore the company's water service to the more than 300 homes serviced from the lines. Water was running over the spillway last night. Rain there fell Saturday night for two hours, from 8:30 to 10:30 p. m. Yesterday morning Ernest A. Bonassi, superintendent of the water company, saw to it that all acid water from mines which had been pumped into the water system was drained out and replaced with the alkaline water from the reservoir. By 9 a. m. normal water service was restored after nine days in which the only water in the lines was acid water drained from the mines. This water, though treated with lime and chemicals, was unfit for drinking, and was usable only for sanitary facilities and fire protection.

The Avella schools, closed all last week because of lack of water, will reopen this morning, with water conditions normal.

During the community's water famine water for drinking and cooking was donated by the Citizens Water Company of Washington, and hauled in tanks on trucks, two of which were loaned by the State Highway Department and one by Fox & Foley, of Washington. J. E. Campbell, of Avella, furnished sufficient chemicals to permit the water company to operate its plant with the acid mine water. All these services were without cost to the people of Avella.

Damage in two Mt. Pleasant Township fires was estimated at a total of \$7,000.

The frame bunk barn of Newton E. Plance, one mile east of Hickory, was struck by lightning at 10 p. m. and burned to the ground. When the fire was discovered the barn, 35 by 50 feet, was a mass of flames. Due to shortage of water no attempt was made to call firemen or to remove contents. No livestock was in the barn, which was used primarily to store farm machinery and straw.

Damage to this barn and contents was estimated by Mr. Plance at \$5,000. Building and contents were partially insured. Contents included 35 tons of straw, a threshing machine, a three-section tractor harrow, a two-way plow, a tractor plow, 23 gallons of paint, some woven wire fence and an extension ladder. The dairy barn was not touched by the flames.

Mr. Plance purchased the farm six months ago from William McCoy.

The second fire occurred at 3 a. m. Sunday when lightning struck a 30 by 40 foot barn on the Jewel Hinerman farm, two miles west of Hickory. The barn was filled with baled hay, and Mr. Hinerman placed his loss at \$2,000.

Mrs. Clare White, a neighbor, saw the flames and telephoned the Hinerman home, but the barn was not near other buildings and firemen were not called. The building was partially insured, but the contents were uninsured.

A valuable dairy barn was destroyed in 1927 on the same farm, which was then owned by William McCalmont.

Rain fell in virtually all parts of the county, though it seemed heaviest in the Washington section and to the north in the district worst hit by the drought across Cross Creek and Mt. Pleasant Townships. In some sections of the southern part of the county there was no rainfall, however, until yesterday and last night.

Very heavy showers fell in some places, with runoff into streams, but there was also considerable more gentle rain, which soaked into the soil. Pastures and gardens were more or less soaked, giving them new life.

Lightning did damage to electric lines into the Francis Mine section and left that community without lights until noon Sunday.

Most folk believed, however, that there must be more rain soon for that of the weekend to do any lasting good, but the weather forecaster promises more showers for late this afternoon. If this rain arrives in any volume pastures should be good for the fall season, and gardens should be fairly productive of late vegetables.

Some rain fell in the southern half of the county early Saturday afternoon, but the heavy rain came at night.

Martinelli

Margaret Martinelli, 71, of Avella R.D.2, died at 1:05 p.m. Monday, September 21, 1981, in the Washington County Health Center.

She was born October 3, 1909, in Whiting, Ind., a daughter of John and Christina Michael.

Mrs. Martinelli lived in the Avella area for the past 50 years. She belonged to St. Michael Church, Avella.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Jr. of Spokane, Wash.; one grandson, Jeffrey; one great-grandson, Caleb; three sisters, Mrs. Bernard (Bertha) Lis of Avella R.D.3, Mrs. James (Mary) Fusarelli of Avella R.D.2 and Mrs. Fred (Julia) Dahyer of Paris; and three brothers, Pete Bartanus of Avella, Joseph Bartanus in Germany, and John Bartanus of Burgettstown R.D.3.

Her husband, Joseph Martinelli, died August 22, 1944.

Moore

Miss Artie Moore, 95, of Avella R.D.1 died Monday, May 3, 1976, in her home.

She was born November 2, 1881, in Avella, a daughter of William and Martha Murchland Moore and was a member of the Independence Presbyterian Church and Franklin Grange.

Surviving are two nieces, Mrs. Mary (Fryer) of West Middletown and Mrs. Ralph Wayble of Dover, Ohio.

MOORE — Friends of Miss Artie Moore, of Avella R.D.1, who died Monday, May 3, 1976, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Chambers Funeral Home, 1030 Main Street, Wellsburg, W. Va., where services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 6, with the Rev. William Ball officiating. Interment in Independence Cemetery.

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