

## Lone Woman Has Completed Her Trans-Continental Horseback Trip

**Mrs. Nan J. Aspinwall Who Visited This Place in Odd Journey Reaches Her Destination in East.**

The accompanying picture shows Mrs. Nan J. Aspinwall, the woman who established a new trans-continental record by her horseback ride from San Francisco to New York. The picture is of particular interest to Washington people as Mrs. Aspinwall passed through Washington a few weeks ago on her journey, stopping here over night.

She left San Francisco on September 1, last and was on the road 179 days. Her journey covered a distance of a little less than 5,000 miles. Mrs. Aspinwall who is an expert horseman, made the long trip practically alone, although she was met at various stopping places by her husband who traveled by train. When in Washington here she insisted on taking care of her horse not permitting anyone to approach the animal or feed it. She said while here that while the trip was an interesting one she would never undertake it again.

She carried a letter in her long journey from Mayor McCarthy of San



Francisco to Mayor Gaynor of New York.

**Miss Laura Jane Cowden.**  
Hickory, May 1.—Miss Laura Jane Cowden, aged 17 years, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Cowden, of Crosscreek township, died at the home of her parents near the Noscoe Hall school house following a serious illness of but three days of pneumonia. Miss Cowden with her sister Myrtle attended the Hickory high school, boarding at the home of Miss Nettie Cowden here, and was a member of the Junior class. On Friday, April 21, she returned to the home of her parents and had not returned to school owing to an attack of rheumatism. Three days ago pneumonia developed and her death followed quickly. Beside the parents, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cowden, of Houston, each of whom is over 80 years of age survive. Two brothers and six sisters also survive. The funeral services will be held in the United Presbyterian church, of this place, on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Stunkard. The pupils of the local high school will attend the services in a body. The interment will be in the Hickory cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Jane Cowden, the 17-year old high school student, which took place from the Hickory United Presbyterian church on Wednesday, was attended by a large assemblage of friends and neighbors. The students of the school attended in a body. Drs. McConnell and MacMillan and Rev. Charles Stunkard, pastor of the Cowden family, took part in the services. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful.

MRS. JOHN WHITE 1911

Crosscreek, July 2. — Mrs. John White, formerly Miss Sharp, of this place, died yesterday at her home in Steubenville after a short illness of typhoid fever. The body will be brought to the Morgan Sharp home here Monday and the funeral services will be held from the Sharp home Tuesday at 11 o'clock. The interment will be in the Crosscreek cemetery. Mrs. White was about 40 years of age and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Sharp, of this place. She was born in Crosscreek township and lived there until she was united in marriage to Mr. White over a year ago. A short time ago she contracted the fever and her condition had been serious. Besides her parents Mrs. White is survived by several sisters. Mrs. Charles Scott, of near Bethel church, Jefferson township; Mrs. Lanty Cunningham, of Eldersville; and Mrs. Zaebish, of this place.

WILLIAM VANCE

William Vance, a well-known resident of Burgettstown, died at the home of his brother, Frank B. Vance, Tuesday afternoon, July 4, 1911, at one o'clock. The cause of death is given as tuberculosis of the bone. He had been in poor health for a year or more.

Mr. Vance was in his 60th year. He was a son of the late J. F. Vance, a pioneer resident of Smith township. Deceased was born in Smith township and lived there until about three years ago, when he came to Burgettstown.

Mr. Vance was never married. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: T. W. Vance, of Steubenville; C. Jerome Vance, of Butler; Joseph Vance, of Crosscreek; John F. Vance, of Bridgeville; Frank B. Vance, of Burgettstown; Mrs. Charles E. Bishop, of Kingston, Mo.; Mrs. L. E. Foster, of Jefferson township.

Funeral services will be held from the Vance residence in Burgettstown Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

# BARN FIRE KILLS 18 HEAD OF STOCK ON BARNES FARM

Origin Unknown of Blaze  
Which Destroys Two Build-  
ings Near Woodrow—Own-  
er in Hospital.

## SEEN SEVERAL MILES

1929  
Hickory, Nov. 26.—Fire, which broke out about 6:45 o'clock tonight, completely destroyed the frame barn and an implement shed on the F. P. Barnes farm, a mile and a half southwest of here, between here and Woodrow. The origin is not known. The fire, also, consumed 14 head of Guernsey cattle, four head of horses, several tons of hay, baled and loose, and considerable farm machinery. A few wagons and an automobile in the implement shed, also, used as a garage, was saved.

The loss, partially covered by insurance, though not yet estimated, will be large.

The blaze was a spectacular one, drawing spectators from Canonsburg and other points some distance away. A large throng was at the scene. The flames could be seen for several miles and lighted up the countryside, causing some sensation in the district around. The Canonsburg and Houston fire departments, called to the scene, were unable to do anything to save the barn, and turned their efforts to save the house.

Mr. Barnes, owner of the farm, is in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, in a serious condition, and his friends and relatives fear to tell him of his loss because of possible ill effects. He is unmarried and lives on the farm with his two sisters, one of whom, Miss Alice, was in Pittsburgh visiting him and returned as the fire was at its height. The other sister, Mrs. Nettie, who is blind and a

### FUNERAL OF MRS. FEE and the

Remains of Mrs. Eva Patterson Fee, widow of D. H. Fee, founder of the Canonsburg Notes, who was fatally injured in an accident in Virginia while en route home from Florida, were shipped from Wytheville, Va., last night and will arrive in Canonsburg today.

Friends will be received at the McNary Funeral Home this evening and tomorrow. Services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock in the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. Reade McCrory. Burial will be in Oak Spring Cemetery.

# MT. PLEASANT FARMER DIES IN PITTSBURGH

Frank T. Barnes Passes Away  
in Mercy Hospital, Where  
He Had Been a Patient for  
the Past Ten Days.

1929  
Hickory, Nov. 28.—Frank T. Barnes, aged 62 years, a well-known farmer of Mt. Pleasant township, died in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, this morning at 8 o'clock. His death was caused by complications. He had been a patient in the hospital for the past ten days.

He had lived in Mt. Pleasant township since 1914, having moved there from McDonald when he purchased the farm. It was on this farm that a barn was burned on Tuesday of this week, with a heavy loss in livestock and property.

Mr. Barnes was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and when he removed to this section became a member of the Mt. Prospect church. At the time of his death he was treasurer of the board of trustees.

He leaves a brother, Rev. W. C. Barnes, of Detroit, Mich., and the following sisters: Misses Nettie and Anna Barnes, at home; Mrs. Albert Behling, of McDonald; Mrs. J. E. Porter, of Bulger, R. D. 1; Miss Emma Barnes, of Findlay, O.

Funeral services will be held in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. The services will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Joseph S. Moreledge, and the interment will be in the Mt. Prospect cemetery.

# DAVID H. FEE, OF CANONSBURG, PASSES AWAY

Publisher of Newspaper Suc-  
cumbs Following Illness—  
Was Man of Integrity and  
Courage.

## FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

Nov 26 1929  
David Hamilton Fee, president of the Notes Publishing and Printing company, of Canonsburg, and for years editor and publisher of the Canonsburg Notes, died at his home yesterday after a short illness, aged 76 years.

Mr. Fee, a son of John and Hannah Fee, was born in Chartiers township on July 9, 1853. After attending the district schools and Jefferson academy at Canonsburg he taught school for the terms of 1881 and 1882 and then purchased an interest in the Canonsburg Notes, a small weekly sheet, of which he became sole proprietor and publisher a little later. In April, 1894, he began the publication of a daily edition, which met with favor, grew and expanded until in 1905 the weekly edition was discontinued. In 1904 the Notes Publishing and Printing' company was formed, and Mr. Fee became its president, a position he had since held. During all these years his brother, William H. Fee, whose death occurred within the past year, was associated with him in the newspaper enterprise.

Mr. Fee had been indisposed for some time by reason of some form of kidney trouble, and for the past week had been an ill man. Sunday morning early he was suddenly taken with more serious illness and rapidly grew worse, until he passed away at 8:10 a. m. yesterday. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Chartiers United Presbyterian church, in which he had held an almost lifelong membership, in charge of the pastor, the Rev. W. P. Aikin.

David H. Fee was a man of integrity and courage, and always loyal to his home community. He was a reader and thinker, and had strong convictions which he was not afraid to express, even when it placed him in the position of espousing the unpopular side of any controversy or matter of public interest. The Notes and Mr. Fee—for he was a public speaker of no mean influence—always stood four square for temperance, and it was a matter of pride with him that The Notes was the first paper of the county that advocated local option. The prohibition law had no firmer supporter than The Notes.

Under his direction, The Notes has ever been a friend and backer of every enterprise that seemed to him to spell advancement for the town and community. It was largely through his efforts that Canonsburg for years held each year a farmers' institute. The schools and the churches could count with confidence on his support in all their enterprises.

Apart from the newspaper, Mr. Fee was a reader, and his pleasure in his books was not greater than that he found in his garden and fruit trees and flowers. In May of 1884 Mr. Fee was united in marriage with Eva Lee Pattison, daughter of Thomas Pattison, of near West Alexander. One son was born to them, but he died in infancy. The Canonsburg community has sustained a real loss in the passing of the editor of The Notes.

Eva L. Fee (Mrs. D. H. Fee), late of Canonsburg; \$1,000 personalty and \$4,000 realty; left to nieces and nephews; letters issued to William W. Sprowls Jr., of Houston.

## FORMER RESIDENT OF ELDERSVILLE DIES

Miss Clarissa Buxton, Long Resident of This County Passes Away in Pittsburgh Bible Institute, Pittsburgh. **1928**

Eldersville, July 24.—Miss Clarissa Buxton, aged 82 years, a former resident of this place, died this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Pittsburgh Bible Institute, Pittsburgh, with which she had been connected for a number of years.

Miss Buxton was a daughter of David and Hannah Criss Buxton and was born on the old Buxton farm near Bethel church, October 24, 1846. She lived there for many years, later removing with her father to Midway, where she made her home until she became connected with the Pittsburgh Bible Institute.

In early life she became a member of Bethel Methodist Protestant church and always took an active part in the work of the congregation, being for many years a teacher in the Sunday school. Becoming connected with the Bible Institute she continued her religious work, serving in the capacity of teacher and adviser.

She leaves a brother, Luther M. Buxton, and a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Stillson, both of this place.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Wylie Avenue church, Pittsburgh, in charge of Rev. Dr. C. H. Pidgeon. The interment will be in Hillside cemetery.

## Hickory Folk Have Very Narrow Escape When Car Overturms into Creek

Hickory, Feb. 18.—J. A. Cooper, daughter, Blanche, and R. B. Retzer, of this place, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury this evening about 6:30 when Mr. Cooper's sedan left the road near McConnell's Mills, ran into the creek and turned completely over.

Mr. Cooper sustained a badly sprained wrist and was cut by broken glass. Miss Cooper and Mr. Retzer were badly shaken up but sustained only minor hurts. All three were thoroughly soaked.

The three unfortunates were brought to their homes by Robert R. Hays who, driving toward Hickory, was attracted to the wreck by the revolving wheels of the overturned car.

The accident was due to the icy condition of the road.

## POMONA GRANGE TO HOLD SESSION ON NEXT TUESDAY

Dr. J. Clyde McGregor, of Washington and Jefferson College, to Speak at Meeting in First M. E. Church. **1929**

### THREE SESSIONS PLANNED

The regular quarterly meeting of Washington County Pomona grange will be held Tuesday, December 3, in the First Methodist Episcopal church, East Beau and College streets. Three sessions will be held, morning, afternoon, and night. Dr. J. Clyde McGregor, professor of political science at Washington and Jefferson college, will make the principal address at the afternoon session, speaking on the theme, "War and Peace."

This meeting promises to be one of the largest in the history of the Pomona. Many of the granges are initiating large classes of members, many of whom will be qualified to receive the degree of Pomona. Work will, also, be given at the meeting preparatory to the state meeting, to be held the following week in Indiana.

The address of welcome for the meeting will be given by James Hamilton, of Washington grange, and the response will be made by Robert McNary, of North Strabane grange.

Dinner will be served at noon by the Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist Episcopal church. The program for the afternoon and night session follows:

Noon—12 O'clock

Music—"Our Grange."  
Piano solo—Mrs. Robert Chapman.

Address—Speaker from State college.

Reading—Mrs. Thomas Matthews.

Music—"World Hymn."  
Address, "Peace and War"—Dr. J. Clyde McGregor, W. & J. college.

Vocal duet—Mrs. John Donaldson and Mrs. Lawrence Shaw.

"The Apple's Enemy"—Joseph Ryburn, vocational instructor.

"Fruit Feature"—Mrs. Colvin.

Recreation period.

"National, State and Community Current Events of Interest to Our Membership"—Grant Moninger.

"What Has Been Accomplished During the Past Few Years to Make Woman's Place on the Farm More Pleasant and Profitable?"—Mrs. J. L. Hagar.

Night—7:30 O'clock

Orchestra—Buffalo grange. Combination of grange musical talent.

Drill—Washington grange.

Reading.

Conferring of fifth degree.

Orchestra.

Closing song—Pantomimed.

## PLENTY OF COAL YET IN PITTSBURGH AREA

**1929**  
Report of Geologist Says 700,000,000 Tons Remain in Quadrangle After 165 Years Mining—Gas Lesser. **1929**

Pittsburgh, Nov. 28.—Pittsburgh, after 165 years of mining, has 700,000,000 tons of coal left within a few miles of the city. This is estimated in a report on geology and mineral resources of the Pittsburgh quadrangle, written by Meredith E. Johnson, after four years' investigation, and published by the state.

Dr. George H. Ashley, state geologist, in a prefatory note, says this quadrangle still contains probably 137,000,000 tons of coal in the Pittsburgh bed, that will eventually be recovered, and "the upper Freeport bed contains an original deposit of 569,000,000 tons in this quadrangle, a great reserve that has hardly been tapped." Other thin veins are of little commercial importance, Ashley states.

The Pittsburgh quadrangle is 227 square miles in area, with Pittsburgh in the northwest quarter, McKeesport near the center, and Elizabeth near the south boundary.

The chief hope of getting new gas production near the city, Johnson says, lies in the Oriskany sand. Warning against enthusiasm about drilling to the Oriskany, Johnson points out that a well 6,500 feet deep costs from \$50,000 to \$100,000, also, that, so far, only one small well has found gas in the Oriskany sand in Pennsylvania.

With maps and illustrations, the bulletin, a volume of 236 pages, reviews Pittsburgh's geological history, describes rock strata and discusses the city's water resources, climate, transportation facilities, and fossils.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Jane Davidson. **1919**

Mrs. Jane Davidson died yesterday at 9:30 a. m., at the home of her son, Frank V. Davidson, 163 Henderson avenue. She was aged 77 years. She leaves one son, Frank V. Davidson. Also one sister, Mrs. N. N. Nelson, of Ingram, and one brother, K. I. Johnston, of Ingram. She was a member of the Third United Presbyterian church, being a former member of the U. P. church at Hickory. Funeral services will be held at the late home on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There will be further services between 3:30 and 4 o'clock at the U. P. church at Hickory. The interment will be at Hickory.

# Hickory Man Is Slain by Bandits

## BRADY PAUL, OF HIGHWAY PATROL, IS CRIME VICTIM

Shot Down as He and Companion Try to Stop Man and Woman Who Held Up Store at Butler.

## HIS FELLOW OFFICER IS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Officers Are Searching in New Castle District and in Ohio for Man, Woman, and Perhaps Child.

## TO BE BURIED AT HICKORY

(By Associated Press) **1929**  
New Castle, Dec. 27.—Highways in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio tonight were being watched and police in cities and towns were searching for two men and a woman who shot and killed a Pennsylvania state highway patrolman and wounded another near here today, following robbery of a store at Butler, 35 miles east of this place.

Corporal Brady Paul, 26, was killed and Patrolman Ernest Moore, 25, was wounded as the officers walked toward the bandits' car, passage of which had been blocked by placing their machine across the highway. The men were shot down, Moore said, after the woman had shouted, "Stick 'em up." The wounded officer said the woman shot him and Paul was shot down by the man driver. The woman was described as a blonde about 30 years old.

After the shooting, the robbers held up Roy Eorton, New Castle, a passing motorist and rode away toward Ohio in his automobile. Their abandoned machine bore an Ohio license, issued to H. L. Ve-hon, Lorain hotel, Toledo, O.

Police said it appeared quite certain the robbery and the shootings were the work of the same group, inasmuch as the chain grocery store was held up by persons au-

## CONTINUE HUNT FOR SLAYER OF CORPORAL PAUL

Statements of Child Cause Scores of Officers Engaged to Start with Renewed Vigor on Hunt.

## NAMES MALE COMPANIONS

(By Associated Press) **1929**  
New Castle, Dec. 31.—The statement accredited by police to a four-year-old boy that his mother shot Corporal Brady Paul, of the Pennsylvania state highway patrol, tonight spurred anew the search for the woman and two men who killed Corporal Paul and wounded Private Ernest Moore, near here, last Friday.

Police at Bellaire, Ohio, where the child was taken into custody, said he described accurately the attack on the officers. The child is Donnie Schroeder, son of Mrs. Irene Schroeder, who was sought as a suspect in the killing hours before the boy was found.

"My mama shot one cop and he laid back of the car groaning," Francis Moran, chief of Bellaire police, said the child stated. "Uncle Tom shot another one in the head. He shot right through the windshield," the boy said, according to Moran.

The boy talked readily after police found him at the home of an uncle, Ray Schroeder, in Bellaire. After questioning him in the Ohio city, Pennsylvania state highway patrolmen left for Pennsylvania with the boy. He was expected to be brought here.

Private Moore, who was not wounded seriously in the battle with the bandits near here last Friday afternoon, identified the Schroeder child as the one who he said was accompanying the woman and two men in the bandits' automobile.

The child was left at the home of his grandfather at Benwood, W. Va., not far from Bellaire, some time Sunday night or early Monday morning by Mrs. Schroeder. Later the grandfather, Henry Crawford, took the child to relatives in Bellaire, where police found him. Both the grandfather and uncle, Ray Schroeder, are being held at the Bellaire police station.

Officers quoted the child as say-

WASHINGTON, PA.,

## WAR VETERAN IS CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER HEAVY POST

James G. Dallmyer, Aged 32, of Crosscreek, Well Known Drilling Contractor, Meets Tragic End.

## SLIPPED AND FELL AS HE TRIED TO STEADY TIMBER

**1921?**  
Crosscreek, June 22.—James G. Dallmyer, aged 32 years, widely known in this section as a drilling contractor and a veteran of the World war, was instantly killed between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning when he was crushed under the big post supporting the walking beam of a derrick.

Associated with his brother, William Dallmyer, in the contracting business, this morning they were removing the machinery and dismantling the derrick at a well recently completed when the accident occurred. James Dallmyer had started to steady the big post when he slipped and fell. The big post toppled over on him, crushing his skull.

During the World war, Mr. Dallmyer trained at Camp Sherman and went overseas as a member of Company M, 330th Infantry, 83rd Division. He was stationed in the Le Mans area for a year. He was one of the most popular members of his unit and a good soldier, having attained the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Dallmyer was one of the most prominent young men of this district. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of this place and of the Masonic lodge at Burgettstown. He, also, was a member of the P. O. S. of A. camp, of this place.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dallmyer, well known residents here, Mr. Dallmyer had spent most of his life in this district. His parents survive. On November 18, 1920, he was married to Miss Virginia E. McNelly, who survives. He leaves one brother, William, his business partner.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his parents. Interment will be in the Crosscreek cemetery with services at the grave in charge of the Masonic lodge.

## R. B. STEVENSON, OF RACCOON, PASSES AWAY

Highly Respected Citizen of  
Panhandle District Long  
Passenger Agent for Penn-  
sylvania Railroad.

—1929  
Burgettstown, Dec. 6.—R. B. Stev-  
enson, aged 53, lifelong resident of  
Smith township, died at his home  
in Raccoon last night at 11 o'clock  
after a lingering illness due to a  
complication of diseases. His boy-  
hood home was a farm near Lange-  
loth. He was a painter by trade for  
many years but for the last 23 years  
had been a passenger agent for the  
Pennsylvania railroad, he serving  
for 20 of those years at the Raccoon  
station.

Faithful and courteous, Mr. Stev-  
enson was held in high esteem. He  
was a member of the First Presby-  
terian church of Burgettstown, and  
Masonic Lodge No. 454 and Odd  
Fellows Lodge No. 1145, of Burgett-  
stown.

Mrs. Stevenson survives with two  
sons and two daughters: Alfred C.  
Stevenson, of Detroit; Harold E.  
Stevenson, of Pittsburgh; and Misses  
Hazel E. and Ethlyn M. Stevenson,  
both at home. Two sisters and two  
brothers survive: Mrs. John Bonner  
and Miss Grace Stevenson, of Bur-  
gettstown; Rev. Oliver Stevenson,  
Toledo, O., and Rev. James B. Stev-  
enson, Carson, O.

Funeral services will be held in  
the First Presbyterian church at  
Burgettstown at 2:30 o'clock Satur-  
day afternoon in charge of Rev. Mr.  
Carmen. Interment will be at Cross  
Creek

*Robert B. Stevenson  
Mrs. Annie E. Stevenson  
d. on Nov. 5, 1945*

## SCHOOL TEACHER IS DEAD AT 67

Independence Township Educator Is  
Victim of Pneumonia.

WASHINGTON, Pa.—W. H. S.  
McAdoo, 67, former school teacher,  
is dead at his home in Independ-  
ence. He died of pneumonia. For  
a time he was in the United States  
internal revenue service, his district  
being composed of Washington,  
Fayette, Westmoreland and Somer-  
set counties. He took up school  
teaching again in his last years,  
having charge of the Boyd School,  
Independence Township. He was a  
member of the Presbyterian Church  
and a prominent Mason.

*Dec 20, 1929.*

## PROMINENT HOPEWELL RESIDENT IS CALLED

John E. Lowry, Highly Re-  
spected Citizen, Passes  
Away at Age of 67—Funer-  
al Services Tomorrow.

*Dec, 6, -1929*

John E. Lowry, 67, died yester-  
day in his home in Hopewell town-  
ship. He was one of the most  
widely known men of that portion  
of the county, an astute business  
man, and high in the regard of the  
community.

A son of Martin and Martha  
Mulholland Lowry, he was born in  
Brooke county, W. Va., December  
18, 1862. The family moved to  
Washington county in 1867, settling  
in Independence township, where  
he received his early training.

On February 22, 1893, he was  
married to Nettie A. Leech, of Buf-  
falo township. They made their  
home on the large farm, which he  
purchased in Hopewell township.

His wife, and three children sur-  
vive, as follows: Mary M., wife of  
Prof. J. G. Lowery, of New Con-  
cord, O.; Homer M. Lowry, of  
Washington, and Beulah E., wife  
of Dr. Spahr, of New York univer-  
sity. Another daughter, Grace D.,  
died in infancy. The following  
brothers and sisters, also, survive:  
George, of Santa Ana, Cal.; Wil-  
liam S., of Brooke county, W. Va.;  
Robert B., of Mt. Pleasant town-  
ship; Dory A., of Independence  
township, and Mrs. Leman Grimes,  
of Independence township. There  
are nine grandchildren.

Mr. Lowry was a member of the  
Grove United Presbyterian church,  
of West Middletown. He was a  
director of the People's National  
bank, of Washington, and presi-  
dent and a member of the board  
of directors of the West Middle-  
town cemetery. He was a public-  
spirited citizen, a successful busi-  
ness man, and a thoroughly effi-  
cient stockman and farmer. He  
took little interest in politics, ad-  
hering to the Democratic beliefs.

Funeral services will be held in  
the late home Saturday afternoon  
at 2 o'clock, with interment in the  
West Middletown cemetery.

## AUTOPSY SHOWS MISS PASCOE IS SUICIDE

Completion of Analysis of  
Contents of Stomach Re-  
veals Presence of Poison—  
Suffered from Melancholia.

*died Dec. 4, 1928*

Completion of the analysis of the  
contents of her stomach reveals that  
Miss Nellie Pascoe, Senior student  
nurse at the Washington hospital,  
who died suddenly under somewhat  
mysterious circumstances early Sun-  
day morning, committed suicide. The  
chemical analysis and autopsy show-  
ed that Miss Pascoe had taken a  
quantity of strychnine, apparently  
about midnight on Saturday, the poi-  
son causing her death about three  
hours later.

Exactly what prompted the 20-  
year-old girl's act has not been defi-  
nitely established, as she was gen-  
erally of a sunny disposition and  
popular with her fellow student  
nurses and with patients. The au-  
topsy conducted at the hospital un-  
der the direction of the coroner re-  
vealed a normal physical condition  
aside from the presence of the poi-  
son in her stomach.

It has been learned, however, that  
Miss Pascoe was subject to fits of  
depression attributed to various  
causes and it is generally agreed  
that she ended her life while suffer-  
ing from a condition of melancholia.  
That her suicide was carefully plan-  
ned is evident. She casually men-  
tioned to a student friend some days  
before her death that she would not  
be here long, while conversation at  
various times, since noted, indicates  
that she had planned to end her life.

On Saturday she had her photo-  
graph taken and made various gifts  
to friends. She also left a note un-  
der her pillow in which she asked  
that she be not buried in her student  
nurse uniform. She had been down  
town Saturday, retired at her usual  
hour and is believed to have gone  
into the bathroom at the nurses'  
home about midnight and swallowed  
the poison. She died in the hospital  
after being removed from the nurses'  
home shortly after she was taken ill.

Miss Pascoe's funeral was held  
Tuesday in the Catholic church at

Slovan, where her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Alex Pascoe lived. Superinten-  
dent S. D. Hunter, Miss Alma Trox-  
all, directress of nurses, and 14 stu-  
dent nurses members of the Senior  
class attended the funeral.

# Mr. and Mrs. James S. Buchanan Celebrated Fiftieth Anniversary of Their Marriage at Hickory

1911



**JAMES S. BUCHANAN.**

**MRS. JAMES S. BUCHANAN**

Hickory, June 13.—With more than a hundred of their friends and neighbors about them, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Buchanan, two of the best known residents of Hickory, today celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. The day proved a particularly enjoyable one. At noon a big dinner was served, 70 guests sitting down to the tables while this evening the young people were fittingly entertained, some half hundred being present.

Following the dinner today Dr. McElroy, of Hickory, acted as toastmaster and called upon a number of persons for short talks. The speakers with their subjects were as follows: The Rev. Dr. McConnell "Then and

Now"; Leman McCarrell, "A Witness to the Ceremony 50 Years Ago"; J. L. Henderson, Washington, "Social and Business Relations With Mr. Buchanan"; the Rev. James Alexander, "Marriage"; the Rev. Charles Stunkard, "Divorce"; Dr. C. L. Campbell, of Sheridan, "Reminiscences." A short talk of appreciation was made by Mr. Buchanan. Music was furnished by members of the Buchanan family. The Buchanan home was elaborately decorated for the occasion in white and old gold. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan presented their

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## HICKORY 1918

Hickory, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Dora Ray and daughters Lynette, Nancy, and Lillian attended the funeral of Mrs. Ray's father, John Ruth, at West Middletown Saturday.

Mrs. James Morgan, of Jackson, O., spent the week end with her sister, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell.

Harry Colwes, who has been at Camp Sherman for the last year received an honorable discharge and returned to his home here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deveaux, of Pittsburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Nellie Retzer.

Mrs. John Kinemond left on Tuesday for Swissvale to spend a few days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Williams.

Miss Ethel Leneer who has been spending the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert McPeak spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leneer at Rea Station.

—To Mr. and Mrs. Mack Simpson formerly of Hickory, now of Avon December 7, 1918, a daughter, Mrs. W. E. Rankin, Mr. and

and R. S. Rankin are all attending state grange meeting at Tyrone this week.

Mrs. Jane Caldwell attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Nan Studa at Burgettstown last week.

Mrs. Daniel Wallace and nephew Lyle Wells of Cambridge, O., were callers at the home of Mrs. Doris Ray on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Kithcart, of Steubenville, Ohio, spent last week with her daughter Mrs. D. L. McCarrell.

Miss Elizabeth Smiley formerly of Burgettstown but now a teacher of the public school at Ingram spent the week end with Miss Mary Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison residing on the Frank Caldwell place received a telegram on Sunday stating that their son Myrle is seriously ill of influenza at Camp Benjamin Harrison.

## JAMES SCOTT

James Scott, a well-known resident of Burgettstown, died at his home Friday, July 7, 1911, at 2:50 p. m., from infirmities due to his advanced age. Mr. Scott was 83 years of age. For the past eleven years he had been in poor health.

James Scott was a son of Finley and Margaret (Stephenson) Scott, and was born on his father's farm in Smith township, December 27, 1827. He followed agricultural pursuits on the home farm until 1852, when he and his brother Finley joined the throng of gold seekers bound for California. Mr. Scott followed the life of a miner in Eldorado county for one year, then returned and took charge of the "Old Egypt mill" at Midway, conducting that business for several years. On June 12, 1855, he was married to Elizabeth Galbraith, daughter of William Galbraith, of Smith township. Five children were born to them, as follows: George, of Akron, Ohio; William of Wellsville, Ohio; Harry, of New Concord, Ohio; Samuel G., of Crosscreek, and Finley, deceased. The mother of this family died in 1873, and on August 20, 1878, the father was united in marriage with Elizabeth Gregg, daughter of John Gregg, of North Star. She and one son, J. Gregg Scott, of Burgettstown, survive. After his marriage Mr. Scott lived on a farm about two miles east of Burgettstown until 1859, then moved to the farm now owned by George Pate, Mr. Scott removed to Burgettstown about 13 years ago.

He was a member of the First United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, and as long as his health permitted, he was an active worker in it. He held the office of trustee for many years. In politics he was a Republican.

He is survived by two sisters—Mrs. T. H. Ackelson, of Burgettstown, and Mrs. Jane Cowen, of Wilkingsburg. Five brothers are deceased—Levi, John, Finley, Samuel and Robert K.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First United Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. T. A. Gibson, pastor of Robinson U. P. church, and Rev. Messrs. Hays and McFarland. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

*Our James S. Buchanan died on May*

# NATIONAL BANK AT BURGETTSTOWN ORDERED CLOSED

Institution, Formerly Headed  
by John A. Bell, of Carnegie.  
Is Taken Over by Federal  
Bank Examiner.

## FAILURE OF CARNEGIE BANKS HELD AS CAUSE

Bell Recently Resigned as  
President, Being Succeeded  
by M. H. Borland—Directors  
Hope to Pay in Full.

## WAS ORGANIZED IN 1879 1925

Burgettstown, May 12.—The Burgettstown National bank failed to open for business today and a notice on the doors of the institution informed the public that the bank had been closed by orders of the board of directors, and R. W. Byers, national bank examiner.

Until a week ago John A. Bell, of Carnegie, was president of the bank. Last week M. H. Borland replaced Bell as president. Two of Bell's banks at Carnegie were recently closed by the state banking department.

No formal statement was issued by the directors, but unofficially they said that the closing of the bank was due to the closing on April 27 of the Carnegie Trust Co. and the First National bank of Carnegie, of which institutions Mr. Bell also was president.

"Since the closing of the banks at Carnegie there has been a spirit of unrest among our depositors and the directors concluded at a meeting last night that in the best interests of all concerned the bank should be closed, at least for the present," said T. P. Weaver, one of the directors. "The bank's affairs are in good shape and in event we do not reopen we expect to pay almost if not entirely 100 per cent to our depositors."

The bank is now in charge of Bank Examiner Byers, who stated that either the bank would be opened in the near future, or a receiver would be appointed by the department at Washington. As to the probability of the bank reopening, Mr. Byers refused to make any statement.

The condition of the bank cannot be determined until the books have been thoroughly examined, and this work is now in progress, with Mr. Byers in charge.

Considerable excitement was created here by the closing of this bank, and it is feared that the results will be disastrous to the town. It had many depositors, and the opinion is expressed that it will not reopen.

The officers of the bank are M. H. Borland, president; Lee R. Scott, vice president; A. H. Kerr, cashier, and T. P. Weaver, assistant cashier. In addition to these the board of directors include George S. Pate and W. B. Linn.

A run was started on the bank two weeks ago, and the statement was made then that everything was in good financial condition. At that time several checking accounts were withdrawn, and attempts were made by depositors to withdraw savings accounts, but the bank enforced its rule of only paying \$100 on each account, the balance being held on for the usual time notice. The bank examiner has been at work for the past two weeks.

The Burgettstown National bank was organized on February 4, 1879. The capital at present is \$100,000. Its statement of last year showed a surplus and profits of \$15,277.64, and resources of \$2,223,999.26. The deposits in 1924 amounted to a total of \$1,868,610.29, a decrease of \$163,198.93 from 1923. The loans and investments in 1924 amounted to \$1,866,966.52.

In 1924 it paid a dividend of 12 per cent, amounting to \$12,000 on its capital of \$100,000. This bank has paid a total of \$444,500 in dividends since it was organized 46 years ago.

## Two Burgettstown Men Waive Hearing to Court

1925  
BURGETTSTOWN, Aug. 27.—J. M. Pyle and John S. Walker, prominent Burgettstown citizens, arrested last week for violations of the prohibition laws, have waived hearings and given bail for appearance at the November term of court. Walker was arrested when officers raided a still and moonshine-making plant on his farm. He was again arrested when he and Pyle were found storing contraband liquor, presumably made at the Walker still in Pyle's barn in this borough.

## Why and Wherefore

By CAL HUNTER

### 1. How to Join S. A. R.

President Coolidge told the American Legion, in his speech last Tuesday at Omaha, that if you are a loyal citizen, it doesn't matter whether your ancestors came over three generations ago on the Mayflower or three years ago on the steerage. This is a good thought, and all the better because it comes from one who has a pedigree in which he might take a false and overbearing pride.

It is, however, very important to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved our independence. Documents, records, and relics must be preserved, and historical research encouraged, lest we forget, lest we forget.

To make the Revolution and its aims, ideals, and dreams to live and function in the life of today is the aim of the Sons of the American Revolution, a patriotic society organized in New York in April, 1889. Its total membership is less than the population of our own first Washington.

On Tuesday September 29, the local chapter held a banquet at the George Washington hotel, at which time they settled on a name, "The George Washington Chapter." S. Murray Pollock is president.

Although the banquet was free to those eligible to membership, we were unable to attend. It was our wife's club night. Besides, we were in the grip of one of those offish spells when we didn't want to go anywhere. But we are strong for the order.

Some of you poor, unfortunate Jaspers may not have a pedigree, so I will get mine out and let you look at it. James Powell is my hero. He was a member of the Chester County Militia, 8th Battalion, 6th Company, under Captain Henry Keys, as returned May 5, 1778. If you don't believe it see Penn Archives, series 5, volume 5, page 810. In 1778 he was mentioned as an effective unit in the same battalion. In 1880, he was transferred to the 4th Company, and in May, 1782, was transferred to Western Pennsylvania, where he became a member of Captain Robert Sweeney's company of Washington County Militia. In 1782 he joined Colonel William Crawford's Sandusky expedition. A certificate on which his pay was drawn was found some years ago at Harrisburg.

# Baby Says Mother, Slayer, Is in Jail

Killed at Post of Duty



Corporal Brady Paul, of the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol, whose body was interred in the Mt. Prospect cemetery at Hickory yesterday afternoon, following a solemn military funeral service, which was attended by close to 1,000 persons. Paul was a native of the Hickory section, and was widely known throughout the county. He was the victim of a blonde trigger woman in the highway near New Castle last Friday. The woman is reported to be held in a jail in West Virginia.

## THIS SURPRISING STATEMENT MADE AT PAUL FUNERAL

Indicates Blonde, Alleged Murderer of Highway Patrolman, In in Custody, Probably in West Virginia.

### CHILD VIEWS BODY OF OFFICER AT HICKORY

Tot Says It Ate Breakfast in Jail in Conversation with Woman Preceding the Last Rites for Victim.

### SOLEMN CEREMONY HELD

"My mamma and my grandpappy are in jail. I got my breakfast in jail."

This statement, made by four-year-old Donnie Schroeder at Hickory yesterday afternoon, gives rise to the belief that the blonde woman, who is alleged to have shot down Corporal Brady Paul near New Castle last Friday, has been apprehended by officers and is held in a jail somewhere in the state of West Virginia, apparently in the Wellsburg district.

No confirmation was obtainable in police circles last night.

The alert, bright-eyed youngster divulged this information to a woman who was washing his hands and face in a bathroom of the J. C. Rea home, at Hickory, where the body of the slain highway patrolman lay, prior to last rites in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church.

In company with two state troopers and Mr. Crowl, proprietor of a New Castle hotel, where the highway patrol detachment has headquarters, Donnie was brought to Hickory yesterday to view the remains of the murdered officer.

When met at the auto, he reiterated: "My mamma took two guns like this," holding up his chubby

hands, "and shot through the window at that cop." A friendly, bright little chap, he did not want to enter the house at first, but under the persuasion of a quarter, went in and permitted himself to be led away to the bathroom to be "washed up."

It was during the process of having the grimy dirt removed from his face and hands that he stated his mother was in jail. Asked if his mother and father lived together he said "No." The woman was unable to catch the name of the man he said was with his mother at the time of the shooting.

When brought downstairs, the lad was taken to the casket and held up to view the body of the slain officer.

"My mamma shot a cop like that," he said.

After a picture of the lad had been snapped, the officers took him back to New Castle.

Solemn and impressive burial was accorded Corporal Brady Paul in his native Hickory this afternoon. Under sunny skies, the final rites were performed at the graveside and the body of the slain officer was laid to rest, in the cemetery of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church. He had been a lifelong member of the church.

Close to 1,000 persons crowded into the small church for a last view of the officer, who met his death in line of duty.

Captain D. E. Miller, commanding officer of the state highway patrol, and Lieutenant John P. Oldham were in charge of a detachment of about 75 state highway patrolmen

ANN MARSHALL in that state for several years. She was regarded as a most successful teacher, and many citizens of the Burgettstown and Crosscreek sections, who sat in the schoolroom under her a half-century ago, heard of her death with much sorrow.

Despite her great age Miss Marshall was wonderfully active both in mind and body. She was a constant reader and kept well posted on all the current topics. For some time she had resided with Miss Jane Rankin, in Burgettstown, at whose home her death occurred.

Miss Marshall united with the Crosscreek Presbyterian church in 1847, in what is known as the year of the big revival at Crosscreek, and she had retained her membership in that church ever since. She is survived by two sisters — Mrs. Haddessa Rankin, of Hickory, and Mrs. Rose McIlvaine, of Marmaton, Kansas.

Funeral services were held from the residence of Miss Rankin on Sunday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. W. Snodgrass, assisted by Rev. O. S. McFarland, of Crosscreek, and Rev. W. M. Hays, of Burgettstown. The interment was made in Crosscreek cemetery.

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# Code of Slain Trooper Cost Life, Friend Says

Because Corp. Brady Paul, 26, state highway patrolman, always remembered he was working under a handicap imposed by his duty to capture bandits, but not endanger innocent motorists, he lost his life. A. T. Lorch, justice of the peace at Allison Park, declared today.

Lorch, while not an eye-witness, is competent to give an opinion as to why the three auto bandits were able to get the "drop" on Paul and his fellow-patrolman, Ernest Moore, 25, at Weigletown, on the Butler Rd., yesterday. He has been bandit hunting with Paul.

"Paul always allowed suspected motorists the opportunity to shoot him," Lorch said. "He worked under a handicap. He had to be sure be-

fore he drew his gun. He never wanted to stop innocent travelers at the point of a revolver."

The justice of peace went to the aid of Patrolman Paul in a similar episode June 21, 1927, at Allison Park.

Then Lorch did the shooting. Desiring to be sure before he drew his gun, Paul advanced on the robbers of a gasoline station whom he had halted as they were motoring toward Pittsburgh. The bandits seized him as he boarded their auto. The driver stepped on the gas and the others threw the patrolman to the road.

Lorch gave chase in his own car. He wounded two. One escaped. The wounded pair recovered and were sent to the penitentiary, Lorch said.

## 55th Wedding Anniversary Of a Former County Couple

*May 6 1935*

The 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. McCready, natives of Jefferson Township, now residents of Follansbee, W. Va., was quietly celebrated by their nieces and nephews and a few intimate friends at their home on Mahon avenue, Follansbee.

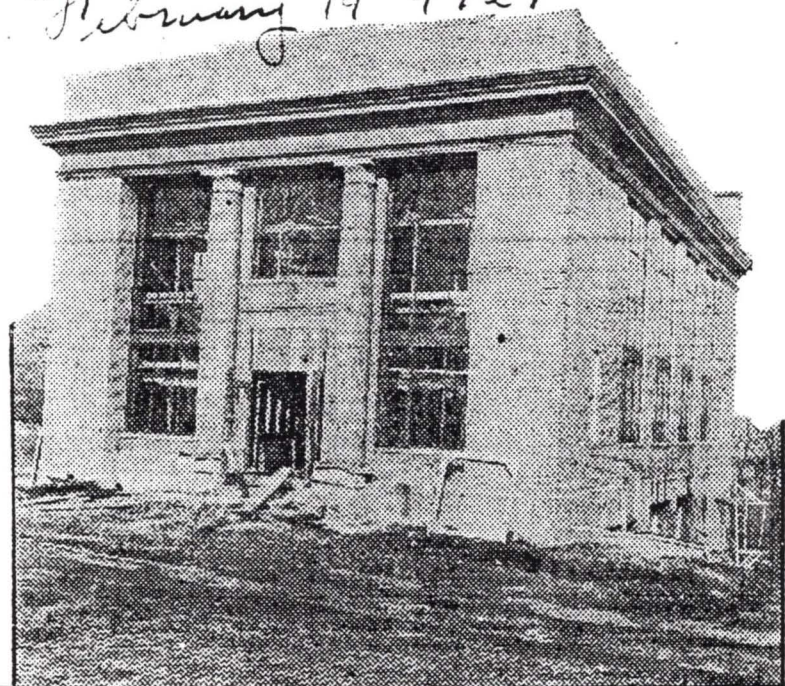
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Mac Morton, Colliers, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Lorin D. McCready, Mr. and Mrs. McCready Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Melvin, of Hanlin; Miss Margaret Scott, of Follansbee; Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Cassidy and children, Florence, Kermit, Elinor, Adelbert, Kay and Vivian Pearl, of Ambridge, and Harlan Cassidy and daughter, Dolores, of Coraopolis.

A bountiful dinner was served, after which a short program was enjoyed. A vocal solo was presented by Mrs. Fred Cassidy, readings by J. Mac Morton and Dolores Cassidy, duets by Florence and Elinor Cassidy, Elinor and Harlan Cassidy, and Harlan and Fred Cassidy. Several old-time folk songs were enjoyed by all.

## Farmers National Bank Building Of Hickory Now Being Erected

*February 19 1927*



# POLICE BALKED IN SLAYER HUNT

### Search for Woman and Male Accomplices in Killing of Road Officer Fruitless.

*Special to The Pittsburgh Press.*  
NEW CASTLE, Pa.—As completely puzzled as they were last Friday when Corp. Brady Paul, of the motor patrol, was slain by a blond trigger woman and two male accomplices, police were without a single clue today.

Scores of suspects have been questioned. Police have investigated many reports that the stolen auto in which the three killers fled had been seen.

None has shed light on the mystery that envelops the killing of Paul and the wounding of Private Ernest Moore, on the Butler-New Castle Rd. five miles from here.

#### Auto Report Error.

Lieut. Thomas Boettner, of the state police, investigated the report that the Chrysler car in which the bandit-killers escaped had been seen at Deerfield, O., two hours after the murder. Lieut. Boettner said today the report, which came from a gasoline station attendant named Hall, was erroneous.

A report that the woman bandit was a former resident of Wheeling, W. Va., was investigated, and found to be without foundation. The officers do want to question this woman, however.

#### Suspects Cleared.

Reports suspects had been arrested at Akron, Toledo, Cleveland, Salem, O., Sistersville, W. Va., and several other cities were followed up, but none answered the description of the slayers.

Almost every member of Troop D, of the motor patrol will attend the funeral at 2 p. m. in Washington, Pa., tomorrow of their "buddy," the slain Corp. Paul. An honor guard has been stationed at the bier since his death.

The funeral will be in charge of Rev. Joseph Morledge. Interment will be made in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

# MANY ON TRAIL OF BLOND GUN GIRL AND PALS

Bandit Party Believed to  
Be in Hiding Near  
New Castle.

## PLANE FLIES OVER REGION OF SEARCH

Woman Is Thought to Have  
Been Slayer of  
Corp. Paul.

By FRANK J. PURCELL,  
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer.  
NEW CASTLE, Pa.—The state border of Ohio and Pennsylvania became an armed camp today as hundreds of police searched the highways for a blond gun woman, with a 4-year-old child, and her two male companions who murdered Corp. Brady Paul, highway patrolman, near here yesterday.

All available police from scores of cities and the state forces of the two commonwealths were engaged in the hunt.

Paul was shot to death when he and his brother officer, Private Ernest Moore, stopped the bandit car near Weigletown, on the Butler-New Castle road, after its occupants had held up a store in Butler and were escaping. Three of the bandit bullets struck Moore, knocking him unconscious, but he is recovering.

### Victim Dies in Road.

Paul died as he lay on the road after being kicked out of the way of the machine by the bandit driver.

"We were sent out on the highway near Weigletown to apprehend the gang that held up the Butler store," Moore said today.

"At Weigletown we were stopping all automobiles, when we saw a coupe coming down the road.

"Both of us went up to it. There were two men, a girl and a boy in the car.

### Bandits Shoot First.

"Paul went up to the car after it stopped and put his foot on the running board. A man got out of the other side and went around to the back. Then the other man got out.

Paul yelled, 'Pull your gun, Moore.' I did, but they began shooting right away. One man was on each side of me. Paul must have been hit because he started to back away. Then one of the bullets hit me in the nose. Another hit me in the head and I fell.

"When I came to, the car was gone and Paul was on the ground. A truck came along and picked us both up and brought us here."

Moore was taken to the Jameson Memorial Hospital in New Castle and Paul's body was removed to an undertaking establishment.

### Investigate Rumors.

State police barracks here has received numerous reports that the bandit auto has been sighted at various points in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Early today a rumor that the trio passed through North Jackson, O., was being investigated, but has not been verified. Although this town is on their route of escape it was believed the killers failed to break through the guarded roadways and remain in hiding near here.

Hundreds of policemen maintained their vigil on the state line throughout last night and will continue on guard until some definite word about

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## J. LEONARD SMITH

### IS DEAD NEAR REA

*Wash. Oct. 10-16-25*

Well Known Farmer, Native of  
Kansas, Succumbs to an Ill-  
ness of Long Duration—He  
Was 42 Years of Age.

—1925

Rea, Oct. 15.—J. Leonard Smith, aged 42, a prominent farmer, died at his home here this morning after a lingering illness.

A son of James William Smith and Ella Buchanan Smith, Mr. Smith was born at Lawrence, Kan., March 12, 1883. When a small boy he moved with his parents to Washington county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He attended the schools of Mt. Pleasant township and was later graduated from Hickory academy. Later he attended school at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

After finishing his education, Mr. Smith chose farming as a career and entered into a partnership with his father in the dairy business. Mr. Smith was a road supervisor of Mt. Pleasant township, a member of the Rea grange and a life-long member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, he being a member of the board of trustees.

In 1911, Mr. Smith married Miss Elsie Taggart, of near Buffalo. Besides his wife and father he is survived by three children, Kenneth, Maxwell and Ruth. Funeral services will be held at the late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of Rev. Charles Duncan. Interment will be in Mt. Prospect cemetery.

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# MAIL CARRIER ON WESTLAND ROUTE IS INTIMIDATED

Six Men Stop Alfred Floyd  
Frye, of Hickory, and Order  
Him Not to Deliver Letters  
to Non-Union Workmen.

## MOB VICTIM IS BURIED

No violence of any kind occurred in the Houston-Westland district during yesterday but Albert F. Frye, carrier on the rural mail route from Hickory which serves residents of Westland, was stopped by six men after he had passed through the village and ordered by them not to deliver mail to non-union men residing there and employed in Midland No. 1 mine, which is being operated by the Pittsburg Coal company under the November 1917 wage scale.

Frye reported the fact that he had been stopped upon his return to the Hickory postoffice and Postmaster R. S. Rankin immediately got in touch with postal authorities.

No arms were displayed and no violence threatened by the men Frye told them that he was employed by the government and that he was duty bound to deliver the mail to which the spokesmen retorted:

"We're telling you not to deliver it."

Sergeant J. J. Tomek and three other members of the state constabulary from Greensburg have been stationed at Westland. They took up their headquarters there yesterday after having been in Washington since Sunday.

1911  
In Honor of Guests,  
Crosscreek, Dec. 25.—On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Homer Cooke and sisters, the Misses Clare and Lola, entertained a number of young people at their home in honor of their house guests, Miss Booke, of New

Castle, and Miss McCafferey, of Butler. The Cooke home was tastefully decorated in crimson and green, the color scheme being carried out in floral and other decorations. The early part of the evening was spent in playing games. Luncheon was served. The guests were entertained by instrumental solos by the Misses Jessie Booke and Elizabeth Johnston. A quartet composed of H. C. Cook, tenor; Miss Clare Cooke, soprano; Miss Lola Cooke, alto, and E. W. Welch, bass, rendered some very pleasing selections. Pantomimes, tableaux and a guessing contest, the last won by Howard Lee, were features of the evening. The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rankin, Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hindman and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Reed, the Misses Mary Welch, Grace Welch, Helen Lyle, Bena Miller, Lena Miller, Della Hindman, Nettle Hindman, Helen Hindman, Mae Vance, Mary White, Nellie Gault, Elizabeth Johnson, Laura Gault, Margaret McCleery, Nellie Vance and Misses Booke and McCafferey. Messrs. Clarence Huber, John McNelly, Wilbert Welch, Joseph Lyle, Edward Welch, Fred Miller, George Rankin, Alvin White, David Lyle, Charles Rea, Earl Smiley, Howard Lee, Lawrence Lee, Samuel Johnston, Otto Kraeer, Brice Tuttle, Archie Gault, Harry McCleery, Robert Lee, Oscar Vance and John Johnston.

Mrs. Catherine Cook Rea, 1921  
Rea, April 11.—Mrs. Catherine Cook Rea, of Rea, died Monday morning, April 11, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Donaldson, of Columbus, Ohio, where she had gone for a visit about Christmas. She was born in Dalton, Ohio, August 4, 1838, and was married to Charles Campbell Rea, November 27, 1856, and lived all her married life in Crosscreek township. Mr. Rea died October 12, 1900. While very young, Mrs. Rea united with the Dalton, O., Presbyterian church and since her marriage had been a faithful member of the Presbyterian church at Crosscreek Village. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Mary Smiley, of near Burgettstown; Mrs. W. C. Marshall and Mrs. H. C. Scott, of Oakdale; Mrs. Winnifred Buchanan, of near West Middletown; Charles M. Rea, of Rea; Mrs. D. W. Cummings, of Cadiz, Ohio; Mrs. R. L. Donaldson, of Columbus, Ohio; and Mrs. Alberta Cozins, at home. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Jemima Beam and Mrs. Ella Ackerman, of Fredericktown, Ohio; and Captain W. C. Cook and Col. S. N. Cook, of Columbus, Ohio. D. Rea Buchanan, of East Beau street, Washington, is a grandson. Funeral services will be held from her late home at Rea Station, Thursday morning, April 14, at 10:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Crosscreek cemetery.

## EPHRAIM J. VOGLE DIES SUDDENLY AT HICKORY

Well Known Farmer and  
Stockman, Native of Mt.  
Pleasant Township, Suc-  
cumbs to Heart Trouble.

1926  
Hickory, April 11.—Ephraim J. Vogle, aged 78 years, died suddenly at his home here tonight at 8 o'clock, of neuralgia of the heart. He had been apparently in good health until tonight and his death came as a shock to his many friends. He was a widely known and highly respected farmer and stockman.

Mr. Vogle was born on the Conkle farm, Mt. Pleasant township, January 2, 1848. For 28 years he conducted a farm near Crosscreek. Ten years ago he built a home here and had resided here since. He was the last of the children of Godfrey and Mary Young Vogle and a lifelong member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church. March 10, 1870, he married Jane Aton, of Candor, who died 25 years ago.

Mr. Vogle leaves three daughters and a son. They are: Mrs. R. R. Cowden, Rea; Linnie Vogle, Mrs. H. M. Phillips, and Henry Vogle, all of Hickory.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

## Mrs. Maude Johnson Williams, Formerly of Mill Seat, Dies

1926  
Mrs. Maude Johnson Williams, wife of the Rev. Charles G. Williams, died at her home in Denver, Col. yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Williams had been ill about six weeks.

The daughter of the late J. Bradford and Jennie Crothers Johnson, Mrs. Williams was born December 27, 1868, on the Johnson homestead at Mill Seat. On June 14, 1893, she was united in marriage with Rev. Mr. Williams. Owing to her ill-health the family moved to Denver in 1900 where for many years her husband was pastor of a Presbyterian church.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Fred R. Williams, of Canonsburg, and Jay T. Williams of Denver; three grandsons and one brother, J. Tracey Johnson, of Mill Seat. The late C. C. Johnson, president of the Citizens Trust Company bank of Canonsburg, was a brother.

The interment will be in the Fairmont cemetery, Denver.

## CYRUS FERGUSON HAD INTERESTING CAREER

Born on Farm, He Became  
Prominent and Wealthy  
Business Man with Numer-  
ous Interests.

June 4, 1926  
Cyrus Ferguson, who died recently at Denver, Colo., and whose funeral services were held at Steubenville Wednesday afternoon, had an interesting career as a business man, being identified with some of the most important industrial developments in the Panhandle section of Washington county and in the Ohio valley.

Mr. Ferguson was born two miles east of Weirton, W. Va., in the development of which he was actively identified, on the Paris brick road. His early years were spent on the farm, he living for some time in Jefferson township, this county. In 1883 he located in Wellsburg, engaging in the meat business.

After the great flood swept the Ohio valley in 1884, Mr. Ferguson located in McDonald and during the oil boom in that district became interested in the drilling operations under way.

Amassing a fortune, Mr. Ferguson's interests developed rapidly. In 1902, he realized the possibilities of district surrounding Holliday's Cove and became one of the leaders in the developments there, which included the building of the town of Weirton.

Mr. Ferguson was a charter member of the Masonic lodge of McDonald. He married Miss Mary Smith, a daughter of Alex Smith, of the Eldersville district.

Three daughters and three sons survive: Mrs. James A. Bowers and Mrs. James J. Weir, of Weirton; Mrs. Charles R. Robinson, San Diego, Cal.; Everett Ferguson, of Weirton; W. D. Ferguson, of Weirton; and Edward A. Ferguson, of Holliday's Cove.

## McNARY FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

1926  
Funeral services of Miss M. Jeanette McNary, whose death occurred Tuesday evening, will be held at the R. L. Munce home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. W. L. Wishart. Interment will be in the Oak Springs cemetery, Canonsburg. Dr. O. C. McNary, of Topango Cal., was with his sister at the time of her death, having come here to spend the holidays with his sisters.



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### HENRY M. GAULT, WIDELY KNOWN, CALLED BY DEATH

Cross Creek Township Resident Succumbs at Age of 81 After Short Illness—Funeral Services Tomorrow.

1930  
Cross Creek, Jan. 6.—Henry M. Gault, aged 82 years, well-known farmer and stock raiser of Cross Creek township, died in his late home Sunday, at 5:15 p. m., after a short illness. He was born March 16, 1848, a son of the late David and Mathilda Cook Gault.

He received his early education in the public schools and the Normal school at Edinboro. At the age of 18 he left the school and went to the farm with his father. He was married in 1874, moving shortly after to Norfolk, Va., where he made his home until 1882. Then he went to Nebraska where he was a successful farmer and stock raiser until 1903, when his father's death caused his return to the Gault homestead, built in 1856.

His wife died some time ago. Two children survive: Laura Bell, at home, and Mrs. Nellie A. Lyle, of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Gault was an active worker in the Presbyterian church. He was ordained as ruling elder in Nebraska, and after the return to Cross Creek, filled the same office in place of his father. He is also survived by a brother, Silas, of Erie.

Funeral services will be held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with interment in the Cross Creek cemetery.

### L. V. Duncan, Native of Washington County, Is Dead at Youngstown, O.

1923  
Youngstown, O., Oct. 4.—L. V. Duncan, aged 70 years, a native of Washington county, Pa., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Russell, of this place, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, following a protracted illness of heart trouble. Mr. Duncan was born in Smith township, Washington county, Pa., and until six years ago spent practically all his life in the Burgettstown district. Six years ago he moved to this place and had since been living with his daughter.

His life work was farming and he was well known in all parts of Washington county. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Duncan is survived by two children, Mrs. D. A. Russell of this place, and Oscar Duncan, of Hayden, Col. A brother, O. C. Duncan of South Main street, Washington, Pa., survives. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

*L. C. Duncan died in Sept. 1931.*

### FORMER TEACHER IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Miss Margaret Mae Vance Dies in Cross Creek Township Home After Long Illness—Funeral Tomorrow.

1930  
Cross Creek, Feb. 16.—The death of Miss Margaret Mae Vance, for several years a well-known school teacher in Washington county, occurred in her home near here last night at 9 o'clock. Her death came after an illness of some duration of complications.

Funeral services will be held from the Cross Creek Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in charge of Rev. Ralph Kaufmann. The interment will be in the Cross Creek cemetery.

Miss Vance, a daughter of Robert C. and Mary McGough Vance, was born May 9, 1880, on the farm where she died. She received her education in the common schools of the township and Eldersville Normal. When Cross Creek township established the first rural high school in the state of Pennsylvania, Miss Vance, who had been engaged in teaching, was named as assistant principal. She was engaged successfully in school work for five years.

She was a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian church, a teacher in the Sunday school, a worker in the Young People's society and took an active part in all church work. She had been in poor health for the last few years and last November underwent an operation which was not successful in restoring her health. She had gradually declined since that time until her death last night.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Vance, and two brothers and one sister, Homer C. Vance and Oscar Vance, both at the home farm, and Mrs. Winfield Reed, of South Wade avenue, Washington.

### Miss Kate McDowell, Aged 83, Dies in Home, Mt. Pleasant Township

Feb 27 1930  
Miss Kate McDowell, aged 83, died Wednesday morning in her home in Mount Pleasant township. She is the last of a family of ten children of John and Catherine Miller McDowell and had spent her entire life on the farm. She was a life-long member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church. She leaves a niece, Mrs. Wallace McQuown, of Canonsburg, and a nephew, J. C. McDowell, of Turtle Creek. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Mt. Prospect church, with the service in charge of the Rev. Joseph Morledge. The interment will be in the cemetery.

### CROSS CREEK RESIDENT ANSWERS FINAL CALL

Death Claims John S. Cummins, Long Resident of Community—Was Former Postmaster.

1930  
Cross Creek, April 6.—John Stockton Cummins, aged 79 years, one of the most widely known residents of this community, died here this afternoon at 1 o'clock, succumbing after a week's illness of pneumonia. He was born April 10, 1851, a son of the late Alfred and Mary Ann Cummins.

Mr. Cummins was one of the last of his family. With the exception of one or two years spent at Corapolis, he had spent his entire life here. Earlier in life he had served as postmaster here. During the last two years of his life he had operated a small watch repairing shop, in the heart of the village, living alone over the shop.

Mr. Cummins was for 60 years an active member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian church. He was a regular attendant of the Sunday school. He is survived by one brother, Samuel Cummins present postmaster of the village and by several nieces and nephews, children of a deceased sister.

Funeral services will be held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, in charge of Rev. Ralph E. Kaufman. Interment will be in the Cross Creek cemetery.

### Miss M. Jeannette McNary, Passes Away at Home of Sister, Mrs. R. L. Munce

Dec 29 1926  
Miss M. Jeannette McNary, a member of one of Washington's best known families, died last evening at 5:30 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Munce, of near Canonsburg, with whom she resided.

Miss McNary was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church, of Washington. Although not in rugged health, her last illness was only of one week's duration. She was a daughter of Oliver R. and Eleanor R. McNary.

Besides Mrs. Munce, Miss McNary is survived by one brother, O. C. McNary, of Topango, Cal., and one sister, Miss Hettie McNary, who, also, resides at the Munce home.

Funeral services will be held at the R. L. Munce residence on a date which had not been determined last night.

*Interred in old graveyard beside Beulah Cummings*

# INDEPENDENCE NATIVE DEAD AT AGE OF 95

Lewis Baker, One of Old-time Shoemakers of Cross Creek, Dies in Mannington, W. Va.

—Mother Died at Age 102.  
**APRIL 14, 1930**

The death of Lewis Baker, a native of Independence and for many years one of the oldtime shoemakers of Cross Creek village, occurred Saturday evening at his home in Mannington, W. Va., at the advanced age of 95 years. Funeral services will be held at Mannington this evening and Tuesday the body will be brought to Washington, where it will be placed in the Henry Heckman Mausoleum in the Washington cemetery. The funeral cortege is expected to arrive in Washington between 11 and 12 o'clock.

Mr. Baker was born in the village of Independence a little more than 94 years ago and his early boyhood days were spent there. He learned the shoemaker's trade there and later moved to Cross Creek village, where he carried on his vocation of making shoes and the oldtime leather boots for many years, giving up his trade only a few years ago. His mother, Katie Baker, who died 16 years ago, had reached the advanced age of 102 years.

Early in life Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Westlake, of Independence, who survives and is now past 86 years of age. Mr. Baker is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Mary Heckman, Mrs. Jennie Findling, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gilson, all of Mannington, W. Va., and with whom Mr. Baker made his home; Harrison Baker, Steubenville, Ohio; and Bert Baker of Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker moved to Mannington just a few years ago to reside with their daughters. While a resident of Cross Creek he was a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian church

*Wm Russell, Sr. died in Smith Twp. Sept 1, 1913 aged 82 years.*  
*James Russell died near Hickory Nov 17, 1924 aged 64 years.*  
*Alice Russell Griffith died at Hickory Aug 29, 1929*  
*W. Miller Russell died in P. Mann Twp on 110, 1928 aged 75 yrs.*

**MAY 2, 1930**  
Formally Installed



Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, formerly of Hickory, was formally installed as pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Washington last night. The call recently extended him by the local congregation was unanimous.

## MRS. WILLIAM RUSSELL IS CALLED BY DEATH

Aged Resident of Hickory Community Passes Away  
—Funeral Services Wednesday Afternoon.  
**1930**

Hickory, May 25.—Mrs. Rebecca Gordon Russell, aged 93 years, died in her home near Hickory this evening at 7 o'clock. She was born May 16, 1837, in Robinson township. In 1858 she married William Russell. They made their home at the Russell homestead until 1884 when they moved to a farm near Cross Creek village.

In 1918 the Russell family moved to a farm near Hickory, where Mrs. Russell's death occurred. She was a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church. Her husband died in 1913.

Two children, James, and Mrs. Alice Griffith, are deceased. The following children survive: Miller, Rachel and William Russell. There are five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Fairview cemetery, Burgettstown.

# R. F. STEVENSON DIES IN HOSPITAL AT BALTIMORE

Widely Known Local Resident Succumbs to Pneumonia, Which Developed Following Major Operations.

**FUNERAL HERE THURSDAY  
MAY 27, 1930**

Succumbing to pneumonia, which developed after he had undergone a series of major operations in the Union Memorial hospital at Baltimore, Md., Robert F. Stevenson, of 360 Allison avenue, this city, died last night at 9:45 o'clock. He was aged 67 years.

Mr. Stevenson was born October 28, 1863, at Ligonier, the fourth son of Rev. Ross and Martha Stevenson. He attended Canonsburg Academy and one year at Washington and Jefferson college.

The family came to Washington in October, 1882. With the exception of two years spent in Chicago, Mr. Stevenson had made his home here, where he was engaged successfully in the laundry business.

When the Third Presbyterian church was organized, he became a charter member. He had been an elder and in charge of the music of the church for the past 25 years. Of recent years he had been an active member of the school board of this city, taking a great interest in civic and social affairs of the city. He was an active member of the Kiwanis and Masonic organizations.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Linda Leech Stevenson; two daughters, Martha H. and Mary Elizabeth, both at home; one son, Pressley M. Stevenson, of Chicago; two brothers, Mathew H. Stevenson, of Florence, and Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Potts, of Burgettstown.

Funeral services will be held in the late home at 360 Allison avenue, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the Washington cemetery.

# Bancroft Farm Horse Is Purchased by an Agent For Henry Ford Stables

1930

Independence, June 12. — More than 60 head of standard bred trotting and pacing horses, owned by Alden Miller, of the Bancroft Stock farm, three miles north of this place, sold at public sale today for a mere song, as compared with their real value, and many lovers of thoroughbreds received bargains at this sale. Horses sold from \$25 per head to \$600 with a general average of \$107 each.

Some of the best blood of the Blue Grass state coursed through the veins of the horses and some very fine specimens were sold at the high dollar regardless of their value. Many of these horses went into the hands of men who follow the turf and they will be trained for racing, while others were sold to people for riding and driving.

"Berthel," a bay gelding and pacer with a trial of 2:15, went to the farms of Henry Ford at Dearborn, Mich., for \$500. This horse was sold to James Piper, of Dearborn, but it is understood that he purchased the horse for Mr. Dehringer, superintendent of the Henry Ford farms. They have been after this horse for some time, and it is said that they had offered \$1,500 for him at one time, but T. A. Miller stated that he would not take \$5,000 for the horse at that time.

The sale today was attended by nearly 1,000 persons and it looked more like a fair than a public sale, and horsemen were there from all sections of the country. A Kentucky auctioneer was on the stump and sold the horses at a rapid clip. The women of the Independence Presbyterian church served lunch on the grounds and their receipts were over \$500.

On the Bancroft Stock farm are more than 65 head of fine pacers and trotters yet, and it is likely that they will be sold some time this fall. Most of the horses left on the farm now are the brood mares and colts under three years old, as nothing under three was sold today.

T. A. Miller, the originator of the Bancroft Stock farm, and whose chief delight was in producing fast horses, died last winter, and the son, Alden, decided to reduce the number of horses.

Following are the horses sold with the price received for each and the person purchasing the same:

Loyal C., trotter, gelding, foaled 1920, sired by Belwin, 572203, record 2:06¾; sold to Charles McLeash, Steubenville, \$150.

Burton, bay gelding, foaled 1922, sired by Belwin, 57203, record 2:06¾; sold to A. Friedman, Greensburg, \$35.

June Belwin, bay gelding, foaled 1923 and sired by Belwin; sold to W. T. Elliott, Bergholz, Ohio, \$80.

Black Mac, black gelding, foaled 1922, sired by Guy Mac; sold to R. L. McCarrell, Washington, \$160.

Donna Jones, chestnut mare, pacer, foaled 1923, sired by Tom Jones; sold to J. S. McGill, Pittsburgh, \$305.

Guy Black, black gelding, foaled 1924, sired by Guy Mac, sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$95.

Murmur, bay mare, foaled 1926, sired by Guy Mac; sold to James Williams, West Middletown, \$52.50.

Cordial, bay mare, trotter, foaled 1919, sired by Belwin; sold to J. W. Wallace, Washington, \$85.

Guy Miller, bay gelding, foaled 1922; sired by Guy Mac; sold to Mac Simpson, Bellevue, Pittsburgh, \$200.

Cordial Ann, bay mare; foaled 1926; sired by Guy Mac; sold to James Williams, Avella, R. D., \$75.

Guy Cord, bay gelding; foaled 1925; sired by Guy Mac; sold to Parker Elson, Steubenville, \$72.50.

Bright Eyes, trotter and pacer; brown mare, foaled 1925; sired by Guy Mac; sold to J. W. Wallace, Washington, for \$132.50.

Blue Eyes, bay mare; foaled 1926; sired by Guy Mac; sold to F. W. Emerick, Johnstown, for \$117.50.

Eye Mac, trotter; bay gelding, foaled 1927; sired by Guy Mac; sold to John Laurick, Carnegie, \$82.50.

Troy, brown filly, foaled 1927; sired by Guy Mac; sold to F. W. Emerick, Johnstown, \$82.50.

Guy Don, trotter, brown gelding, foaled 1925; sired by Guy Mac; sold to W. W. Keener, Morgantown, \$335.

Rose Black, black mare, foaled 1925; sired by Guy Mac; sold to L. K. Eberhardt, Punxsutawney, \$115.

Red Rose, bay mare, foaled 1926; sired by Guy Mac; sold to J. P. Bloom, Ebensburg, \$67.50.

Sunny June, bay filly, foaled 1927; by Guy Mac; sold to E. M. Fry, Colliers, W. Va., \$82.50.

Berthel, pacer; trial 2:15, quarter in 31 seconds; by Belwin; sold to James Piper, Dearborn, Mich., for Henry Ford farms, \$500.

Merkle Guy, trotter; bay gelding, foaled 1925; by Guy Mac; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$120.

May Master, bay mare; foaled 1916; by Master Lamartine; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$70.

Lord Baron, trotter, bay gelding, foaled 1924, sired by Guy Mac; sold to F. W. Emerick, Johnstown, \$25.

Miss Baron Guy, bay filly, trotter, foaled 1927, sired by Guy Mac; sold to John Owens, Bethany, W. Va., \$40.

Baron Belwin, bay gelding, trotter, foaled 1923, sired by Belwin; sold to D. H. Murphy, Wind Ridge, \$110.

Helen Mac, bay mare, trotter, foaled 1924, sired by Guy Mac; sold to J. R. Williams, Carrollton, Ohio, \$40.

Helen Lucille, bay filly, trotter, foaled 1927, sired by Guy Mac; sold to J. R. Williams, Carrollton, Ohio, \$40.

Flora D. Maxey, chestnut filly, trotter, pacer, and fine saddler, foaled 1926, sired by Judge Maxey, record 2:13¼; sold to C. A. Klein, New Brighton, \$130.

Wanda Guy, bay mare, foaled 1925, sired by Guy Mac; sold to G. G. Price, Moundsville, W. Va., \$40.

Civil Guy, bay gelding, trotter, foaled 1922, sired by Guy Mac; sold to Frank Ayers, Buffalo, N. Y., \$300.

Handsome Guy, trotter, black gelding, foaled 1923, sired by Guy Mac; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, Ohio, \$75.

Al Mac, bay gelding, trotter, foaled 1925, sired by Guy Mac; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, Ohio, \$100.

Develin, bay gelding, trotter, foaled 1926, sired by Guy Mac; sold to F. W. Emerick, Johnstown, \$50.

Irene Sheet, brown mare, trotter, foaled 1914, sired by McGregor Sheet; sold to Kirk Ridgley, Wheeling, \$30.

Ira Guy, brown gelding, trotter, foaled 1922, sired by Guy Mac; sold to C. C. Klein, New Brighton, \$72.50.

Irene Guy, brown mare, trotter, foaled 1923, sired by Guy Mac; sold to Kirk Ridgley, Wheeling, \$30.

Ira Mac, brown gelding, trotter, foaled 1925, sired by Guy Mac; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$45.

Mona Guy, black mare, pacer, foaled 1922, sired by Guy Mac; sold to Kirk Ridgley, Wheeling, \$30.

Lady Black, black mare, trotter, foaled 1923, sired by Guy Mac; sold to Jerry Post, Wst Alexander, \$55.

Moko Guy, bay gelding, foaled 1923, sired by Guy Mac; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$60.

Miss Master, bay filly, foaled 1927, sired by Guy Mac; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$50.

Bill Advice, bay gelding, trotter and pacer, foaled 1922, sired by Belwin; sold to George Zimmerman, Waynesburg, \$105.

Colonel Belwin, bay gelding, foaled 1920, sired by Belwin; sold to John P. Bloom, Ebensburg, \$115.

Mainsheet B., bay gelding, trotter, foaled 1921, sired by Belwin; sold to W. T. Elliott, Bergholz, O., \$137.50.

Burgett—Trotter, brown gelding; sold to S. A. Dague, near Washington, \$180.

Elwood Guy—Bay gelding, foaled 1925, by Guy Mac; sold to J. H. McKim, Steubenville, \$50.

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Giacys Mac—Bay mare, foaled 1926, by Guy Mac, sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$90.

Darkey Guy—Black gelding, foaled 1927, by Guy Mac; sold to H. J. Moore, Steubenville, \$90.

Oscar B—Bay gelding, foaled 1921, by Belwin; sold to Ray Liggett, Rea, \$65.

Buzzard—Bay gelding, foaled 1921, by Belwin, sold to George T. Cummins, Washington, \$260.

Crescent Guy—Bay gelding, foaled 1924, by Guy Mac; sold to Frank J. Gleason, Washington, \$40.

Guardian—Trotter, brown gelding, by Belwin; sold to G. G. Price, Moundsville, \$600.

Plain Guy—Trotter, bay gelding, foaled 1923, by Guy Mac; sold to John H. Kelley, West Middletown, \$35.

Mildred Belwin—Trotter, bay mare, foaled 1922, by Belwin; sold to Earl Owen, Bethany, W. Va., \$45.

Modern Guy—Bay gelding, foaled 1923, by Guy Mac; sold to G. G. Price, Moundsville, \$55.

Mac L—Bay gelding, foaled 1924, by Guy Mac; sold to W. M. Malone, Washington, \$35.

Gertrude Guy—Trotter, bay mare, foaled 1922, by Guy Mac; sold to W. M. Malone, Washington, \$40.

Lola Mac—Trotter, black mare, foaled 1925, by Guy Mac; sold to L. D. Eberhardt, of Punxsutawney, \$50.

Boo Boo—Bay gelding, foaled 1925, by Guy Mac; sold to Charles Rock, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, \$82.50.

Toddy Guy—Bay mare, foaled 1923, by Guy Mac; sold to F. W. Emerick, Johnstown, \$95.

*Total of Sale*  
*Neely \$7,000.00*

## BODY OF A. H. KERR WILL ARRIVE TODAY

Former President of Burgettstown Bank Died Suddenly of Heart Attack at Pasadena, California.

*June 23, 1930*  
An acute heart attack resulted fatally to Aaron H. Kerr of Pasadena, California, a native and for many years one of the most prominent business men of Washington county. His death occurred at his home Wednesday June 11.

The body is being brought East for burial and will arrive at Burgettstown this morning at 10:26 and will be taken to the Lee & Wilson undertaking rooms. The body will be interred in the Cross Creek cemetery this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with short services at the grave only.

Mr. Kerr who was a son of Isaac H. and Jane Lee Kerr was born May 29, 1850 in the Cross-creek section where he spent the early part of his life. His father was engaged in the mercantile business there and following his death the son took charge of the business at the age of 18 years. He built up and continued the successful business of his father in that community. On May 27, 1874 he was united in marriage with Miss Georgette Gault a daughter of David Gault and for many years they resided in Crosscreek Village. Mrs. Kerr died a number of years ago and is buried in the Cross-creek cemetery.

When the Burgettstown National bank was organized Mr. Kerr was one of its first stockholders and was a member of the first Board of Directors. In 1887 he was elected president of the growing institution which later became one of the strongest financial institutions of the county. He held the position of president and cashier until it closed its doors a few years ago. Following the collapse of the bank which he had been instrumental in building up Mr. Kerr moved to Pasadena where he had since resided with a daughter.

Mr. Kerr was a Republican in politics and was one of the influential citizens of the northern part of the county for many years.

He leaves two daughters, Miss Grace Kerr with whom he lived and Miss Blanche Kerr of the state of California; one brother, M. Brainard Kerr of California also survives.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Kerr at Pasadena, Monday, June 16. The services in the Cross Creek cemetery will be in charge of Rev. R. E. Kaufmann, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Cross Creek.

## FARMER FATALLY STRICKEN WHILE DRIVING A TEAM

Robert G. Jeffrey, 75, Well Known Cross Creek Township Man, Is Discovered Dead by Neighbor.

### VICTIM OF APOPLEXY *1930*

Cross Creek, July 2.—While seated in his wagon holding the lines drawn on his farm team Robert G. Jeffrey, a well-known farmer of Cross Creek township, was found dead this morning at 5:40 o'clock by a neighbor. A stroke of apoplexy was the cause of his death. He was aged about 75 years.

Mr. Jeffrey had been in his usual health and yesterday had built fence all day. This morning he arose, ate a hearty breakfast and started to the home of his neighbor, Fred Kraaer, with his milk. Mr. Kraaer noticed that the team had stopped, and Mr. Jeffrey making no effort to take the milk on to his home, he went to investigate and found Mr. Jeffrey had died as he sat on the wagon seat, the lines in his hand.

Mr. Jeffrey had been a lifelong citizen of Cross Creek township and had always followed agricultural pursuits. He had served on the school board and had held other township offices.

Early in life he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie McCalmont, who survives with the following children: Bessie, wife of Charles M. Marquis, of Shenango; Verner, at home; Dwight, near Pittsburgh; Ralph, of Cross Creek township and Howard of Burgettstown. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren, Robert Graham, Jr., residing with the grandparents and four great grandchildren. One brother, Russell Jeffrey, also survives. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mr. Jeffrey was a staunch Republican and served on the county committee for several years. On Jan. 1, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. A son, Dwight, was enroute to Yellowstone Park, but he was reached by telegram in South Dakota. Mr. Jeffrey had been a member of the Hickory U. P. church for 60 years.

## AGED HICKORY MAN IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Thomas M. Cowden, Retired Farmer, Passes Away at Age of 79 Years—Was Native of Cecil Township.

—1930  
Hickory, July 9.—Thomas M. Cowden, aged 79 years, a retired farmer and well known citizen of Hickory died here tonight at 8:55 o'clock.

Mr. Cowden was born in Cecil township, April 15, 1851. He had followed farming all of his life until 16 years ago when he retired and moved to Hickory. He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian church and in politics was a Republican.

He was married in 1875 to Rachel M. Welch of West Middletown who died August 11, 1890. He leaves two sisters, Misses Dora and Martha Cowden of this place and two sons, J. Ard Cowden and W. Lee Cowden.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

## A. M. Keys, Aged 76, Dies in His Home Near Burgettstown

—1930.

Burgettstown, July 9.—A. M. Keys, aged 76 years, died this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in his home in Smith township near here. He was a son of John and Mary Shillito Keys and was born October 28, 1854.

He had spent his entire life on a farm. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown.

Two sons, John D. Keys, of Burgettstown, and Alvin M. Keys, of East Liverpool, O., and three sisters, Agnes and Margaret Keys, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Clara Weaver, of Burgettstown, survive.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. R. C. Sutton. Interment will be in the Fairview cemetery.

## FORMER HICKORY MAN DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Word Is Received of the Death of Robert A. Russell in His Home in Oakland After Six Weeks' Illness.

—1930.  
Hickory, July 18.—Word has been received here of the death of Robert A. Russell, a former resident of this district, in his home in Oakland, Cal. His death occurred Sunday, July 13, following an illness of more than six weeks. Interment was in Oakland.

Russell was a son of Alexander Russell and was born near Bloomfield, O. Early in life he removed with his father to this district, his father having purchased a farm near here.

Later his father entered the hardware business in Burgettstown, where Mr. Russell spent most of his early life until he moved to California in 1917.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie Welch Russell, and two daughters, Mary Bell, at home, and Wilda, wife of Ralph Adams, of Oakland, Cal. An only son died while training for overseas service during the World war. The late Andrew M. Russell, of Hickory, and John A. Russell, of Burgettstown, were brothers. Mr. Russell was the last member of a family of six.

## Former Washington County Woman Dies In Home in California

—1930

BURGETTSTOWN, Nov. 18. — Word has been received of the death of Mrs. R. A. Russell, of Oakland, California, which occurred at her late home Saturday evening, November 8, after a lingering illness of heart trouble. Jennie Welch Russell was born October 8, 1858, a daughter of M. Reed and Mary White Welch, late of Smith Township. In February, 1888, she was united in marriage to Robert A. Russell, who preceded her in death about three months ago. In 1893 they took up their residence in Burgettstown where Mr. Russell was a carpenter contractor, until their removal to California in 1917. She leaves two daughters, Mary Bell, at home, and Mrs. Ralph Adams, also, of Oakland. Three sisters, also, survive, Mrs. M. L. Cooke, of Hickory; Mrs. Anna M. Malcolm, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. J. C. Morrow, of Pittsburgh.

## INJURIES ARE FATAL TO CROSS CREEK MAN

Walter Porter, 40, Succumbs in Local Hospital to Fractured Skull Sustained at Work—Funeral Tuesday.

—1930.  
July 28, 1930.  
Succumbing to a severe fracture at the base of the skull, received when he was struck on the head by falling planks while aiding in dismantling an abandoned oil derrick near Cross Creek ~~Monday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup>, Walter Porter, aged 40 years, of Cross Creek, died in the Washington hospital yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Porter received the injury while aiding a rig crew on the old Morgan Sharp farm, about a mile and one-half southeast of Cross Creek. He was badly injured and little hope had been held for his recovery.

Porter was a World war veteran. Following his return from the army he had found employment in the oil fields about his home.

He leaves his wife, Ethel Marquis Porter, and a daughter, Frances, aged seven years, together with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, and the following brothers and sister: Lee Porter, of near Meadville; Quay Porter, of Westland; Cline Porter, of Pittsburgh; Sherman Porter, of Crafton, and Mrs. Maude Malone, of Beaver Falls. Mr. Porter was born near Taylorstown July 19, 1890.

Funeral services will be held in the late home in Cross Creek Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of Rev. R. E. Kaufmann. Interment will be in the Cross Creek cemetery. Masonic services will be held at the grave.



# MISS FRANCES BUXTON DIES IN HOUSTON HOME

Death of Well Known Native  
of Independence Township  
Follows Illness Lasting  
More Than Two Years.

August 13, 1930

The death of Miss Frances Buxton occurred at her home in Houston Monday morning at 4:10 o'clock following an illness that covered more than two years. She was aged 62 years. Funeral services will be held in the Joseph McNutt home in Houston this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Oak Springs cemetery, Canonsburg.

Miss Buxton, a daughter of the late Jacob and Ellen McCleary Buxton, was born November 1, 1868, in Independence township, one and one-half miles north of the village of Independence. Early in life she moved with her parents to Fowlerstown, W. Va., where she lived until she went to Houston 25 years ago to live with her nephews and nieces, following the death of her sister, Mrs. Joseph McNutt. Miss Buxton was a woman of a very kind disposition, and had many friends who will learn with sorrow of her death.

Two years ago she underwent a serious operation and complications developed that left her in poor health. Three weeks ago, while attending a reunion of some relatives Miss Buxton was taken suddenly worse and since then her condition had been serious. She is survived by the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. George Baker, Murtland avenue, Washington; Mrs. Frances Grayson, William McNutt, and Walter McNutt, of Houston. An aunt and uncle, Mrs. Rebecca Stillson and L. M. Buxton, of Eldersville, also survive.

Miss Buxton had been a member of the United Presbyterian church for many years.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1930

# SOCIETY

Pollock Reunion.

Members of the Pollock family, one of Washington county's best known clans, held their 10th biennial reunion yesterday at Mapleview park with approximately 150 in attendance. Seven present have attended each of the family gatherings during the past 20 years, they being as follows: Mrs. R. B. Leslie, Washington; Mrs. R. G. Lindsay, Canonsburg; Mrs. C. M. Linn, Canonsburg; S. Murray Pollock, Washington; Mrs. S. Murray Pollock, Washington; Edith J. Pollock, Houston, and Larry S. Pollock, Houston. Miss Loda Lee Pollock, of Denver, Colorado, and Anna Pollock, of Yuma, Arizona, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pollock, of Fairpoint, O., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henderson, of St. Clairsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pollock, of Fairpoint, O., were among those in attendance from a distance. Short talks were made by Thomas Pollock, Fairpoint, O.; Charles H. Sallada, Wilkinsburg, and I. V. Pollock and Miss Lyda Linn, of Washington. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Durell S. Pollock, Canonsburg; first vice presidents, Laura S. Pollock, Houston; S. Murray Pollock, Washington; Thomas Pollock, Fairpoint, O., and Miss Lyda Linn, Washington; secretary, Blaine M. Pollock, R. D. 1, Canonsburg; treasurer, W. B. Pollock, R. D. 3, Canonsburg.

# MISS LIZZIE PERRIN SUMMONED BY DEATH

Aged Resident of Hickory,  
Member of Pioneer Family,  
Passes Away—Funeral  
Services Friday Afternoon.

1930

Hickory, Sept. 3.—The death of Miss Lizzie Perrin, aged about 82 years, a well known resident of this place, occurred at her home this morning at 2:45 o'clock, following an illness of a few days of bronchial pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held in the Perrin home here Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock eastern standard time. The interment will be in the Independence cemetery.

Miss Perrin was born in Independence township, being a daughter of the late Samuel and Susan McBride Perrin. She spent her early girlhood in the Independence section, the Perrin home farm being just at the edge of the village of Independence. Years ago she moved to Carnegie where she lived until she came to Hickory six years ago. A niece, Miss Ila Perrin resided with Miss Perrin. The late James Perrin, who conducted a drug store in Carnegie, was a brother. One brother, William McB. Perrin, a well known attorney of Tacoma, Washington, survives, being the only member of this family left. A nephew, Clyde Perrin, resides on the old home farm in Independence. Miss Perrin was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church of Hickory.

The remains of Samuel Perrin, her father, were the first to be buried in the Independence cemetery, a roadway having to be cut through the tree tops to reach the Perrin lot which was among the first sold in the Independence cemetery.

# CYRUS FERGUSON DIES IN STATE OF COLORADO

Former Prominent Citizen of  
Panhandle District Was 76  
Years Old—Funeral at Steubenville Today.

Cyrus Ferguson, aged 76 years, for many years a resident of McDonald, died Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock at Denver, Colo., where he had resided for the last few years.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the home of his son, Everett Ferguson, 320 North Fourth street, Steubenville, O.

Mr. Ferguson for a long period was one of the most prominent business men of the Panhandle district, his interests extending over a wide area. He became identified with drilling activities in that section and later became identified with coal mining firms.

## McNary

A number of the members of the McNary clan were guests Labor Day of Mrs. Margaret S. McNary and her daughter, Esther, at Burgettstown. The gathering was an informal reunion. The honor guest was Joseph R. McNary, of Burgettstown, who has always been active in former and larger reunions of the McNary clan. He has compiled a history of the family which includes seven generations, and he is justly proud of the record which includes soldiers, statesmen and staunch patriots throughout. A buffet dinner was served at noon, and all the usual pleasant happenings of such occasions made the day complete in real enjoyment.

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# START PAVING SOON ON GREYNA-HICKORY ROAD

Grading on Section of Three and One-Half Miles Practically Completed — Other Work Progresses.

*Sept 4, 1930*

Grading work on Route 18, between Greyna and Hickory, has progressed so far that it is now expected that pouring of concrete will begin either the latter part of this week or the first of next week. Grading of most of the stretch of over three and a half miles is complete, but considerable more dirt must be placed in the big fill over the long arch covering the creek just to the north of the McDowell hill. It is expected that the road will be completed and opened before winter.

Paving on the section of Route 258 between California and Blainesburg is reported as half completed, and the road will probably be opened some time next month.

On what is known as the Elrama road, between New Eagle and Elrama, contractors are reported as making good progress, although it is not expected that paving will begin until spring. Heavy grading work is necessary, and there are some buildings to be moved from the right-of-way.

Elizabeth  
Highland avenue, Burgettstown

# SOCIETY

## Golden Wedding

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. McClure, former residents of Washington county, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage at the home of their son, Robert T. McClure, 81 Riverside Park drive, Beechwood, Columbus. Dr. and Mrs. McClure have resided in Columbus for the last 38 years. Dr. McClure formerly resided at West Middletown, while Mrs. McClure was formerly Miss Ina Donaldson, daughter of the late Jacob Donaldson, of Mt. Pleasant township. A number of Washington countians attended the celebration, including: Mrs. Jennie Ralston and Misses Annie and Ella McClure, of West Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson, daughter Mildred, and son, Tracy and wife, of Morgantown; and A. R. White, daughter Veliva, and Harry White and family, of Hickory. Seventy-five relatives and friends assembled for luncheon at noon, an afternoon program, and dinner. R. L. Donaldson, of Columbus, brother of Mrs. J. A. McClure, and Robert T. McClure, were hosts. The wedding march was played as the guests were seated at luncheon. Mrs. James McClure sang, and Miss Patricia McClure played violin solos. Two other sons, and two daughters were present. They are Dr. Roy D. McClure, surgeon-in-chief at the Ford hospital, Detroit, and James A. McClure, Jr., 285 Cassaday avenue, and Mrs. Edwin Buchanan, 44 Woodland avenue, and Mrs. Homer T. Francis, 9 E. Longview avenue, Columbus.

# CHARLES H. COLEMAN SUMMONED BY DEATH

Well Known Resident of Hickory Succumbs to Attack of Angina Pectoris After Brief Illness—Funeral Tuesday.

*1930*

Hickory, Sept. 21.—Charles Harvey Coleman, aged 55 years, for 30 years an employe of the Manufacturer's Light and Heat company, died in his home here this morning at 3 o'clock. His death was caused by angina pectoris after an illness of only a few hours.

Mr. Coleman was a son of the late James Harvey and Bary Belle White Coleman, of Canonsburg, where he was born May 8, 1875, and spent the early years of his life. He was employed as a gas operator for the Manufacturer's Light & Heat company, 27 years of his service for that company having been spent in the Hickory field. He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian church.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Jeanette Reed Coleman, two daughters, Mrs. Charles McClure, of Dormont; Dorothy Coleman, of Hickory; two sons, Clark Coleman and Harvey Coleman, of Hickory. He leaves also two brothers, Edward W. Coleman, of Canonsburg, and George C. Coleman, of Oakland, Cal., and two sisters, Miss Ella M. Coleman, and Mrs. G. R. Schaughency, of Canonsburg. The late Mrs. A. Clark Bane, of Pittsburgh, was a sister.

Funeral services will be held in his late home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Charles Stunkard, assisted by Rev. Marshall Berryhill.

# Samuel Cummins, 33 Years Postmaster at Cross Creek Dies; Fall Hastens Death

*1930*

Cross Creek, Sept. 10.—Samuel C. Cummins, for 33 years postmaster of this village, died at his home here this morning at 2 o'clock, after a serious illness of only one week, although his health had been failing for some time.

His death was hastened by a fall in Avella a few days ago. He went to that place to consult a physician. As he was returning to an automobile, he fell and a severe scalp wound, one that required several stitches to close, was suffered by the aged man. He declined rapidly from the time of the accident.

Mr. Cummins would have been 76

years of age September 17. He had hoped to live until November to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his marriage.

Although his health had commenced to fail, Mr. Cummins insisted on performing his duties as postmaster, an office which he had long and capably filled.

Mrs. Cummins survives. A son died several years ago and a brother, John, died about five months ago. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of this place.

Funeral services will be held at the Cummins' home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Cross Creek cemetery.

# MRS. SAMUEL CUMMINS IS DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

*1935*

CROSS CREEK, May 12—Mrs. Margaret Cummins, aged 75 years, widow of Samuel Cummins, died Saturday at 10 a. m. in her home here after a lingering illness.

She was born November 16, 1860, and 54 years ago married Samuel Cummins, whose death occurred four years ago. Mrs. Cummins was a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, the Ladies' Aid Society and Missionary Society of the church and of the Rebekah Lodge, of Burgettstown.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Park, of Clinton, and three nieces, Mrs. Jane Huber, of Cross Creek; Mrs. Donald Roberts and Miss Margaret Park, of Steubenville, O.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Monday at 2 p. m. in charge of Rev. Ralph Kaufman. Interment will be in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

# MRS. W. J. SMITH IS DEAD AT AGE OF 81

Passes Away in McKennan Avenue Home Early Monday Morning — Her Husband Also Very Ill.

SEPT. 2, 1930,

Sarah Jane Smith, wife of W. J. Smith, 53 McKennan avenue, Washington, passed away at her home Monday morning at 12:05 o'clock, having attained the advanced age of 81 years and 23 days. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNary, of Thomas, she was united in marriage November 8, 1867, to W. J. Smith, and their residence had been at Eighty Four until 25 years ago when they moved to Washington. To this couple were born the following children: Thomas H., who passed away May 28, 1901, the only death in the family until now; Mrs. W. B. Cameron, 408 East Chestnut street; William W. Smith, Homestead; Mrs. S. W. Miller, 51 McKennan avenue. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

Her husband is at present in very ill health. She leaves the following sister and brothers: Mrs. Ella McGregor, of Monongahela; James H. McNary, of Washington; Samuel F. and William H. McNary, of Thomas.

She had been a lifelong and consistent church member and at the time of her death was a member of the Second Presbyterian church of Washington.

The funeral will be held at the home Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Interment will be in the Washington cemetery.

# His Death Follows Wife's in Six Days

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W. J. Smith in 86th Year, Passes Away in Home at 53 McKennan Avenue— Served as County Commissioner.

Passes Away in Home at 53 McKennan Avenue— Served as County Commissioner.

## BORN IN SOUTH STRABANE

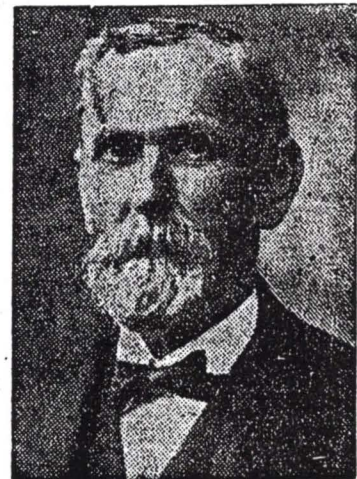
W. J. Smith, former Washington county commissioner and prominent citizen of Washington, died in his home, 53 McKennan avenue, Saturday night after a brief illness in his 86th year. He was a son of William and Elizabeth Van Eman Smith, of South Strabane township. In 1867, Mr. Smith was married to Sarah Jane McNary, of Thomas, whose death occurred only six days preceding his own.

The following children were born to this union: Thomas Henderson Smith, deceased; Mrs. W. B. Cameron, Wm. W. Smith and Mrs. S. W. Miller. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Hartzell, of this city, and Mrs. Andrew Hagerty, of Carlisle, Pa., and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Smith was reared on his father's farm in South Strabane township. He later acquired the old home and worked it at the time of his death. For many years he was prominent as a wool grower and in 1885 was associated with his brother, A. W. Smith, in building a roller flour mill at Eighty Four. One year later he purchased the interest of his brother and operated the business until 1901 when he sold the property.

During his residence in South Strabane township, Mr. Smith was one of its most active citizens, being particularly interested in education and serving for 14 years as a school director. Retiring from the farm, Mr. Smith moved to Washington about 26 years ago.

In politics, Mr. Smith was a staunch Democrat and was elected to the office of county commissioner. He was a member of the board at the same time as the late Thomas Hill and John A. Berry.



W. J. SMITH

Fraternally. Mr. Smith was a prominent member of the Grange, serving a number of years as chaplain of the local and Pomona Granges. He was, also, a member of Washington Lodge No. 164, F. & A. M.

Throughout his life, Mr. Smith was an active church man, uniting in early boyhood with the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian church. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Second Presbyterian church, of this city, where he was held in high esteem for his faithful attendance and Christian character.

His home was one in which the family altar had never been neglected. Only a few evenings before his death, he asked that portions of the Bible be read and in a voice made faltering by his final illness led the family group in prayer. He was always at his place in the church and in the Men's Bible class, in which he was especially interested.

Funeral services will be held at the Smith home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Washington cemetery.

*The Hill, at Mt. Pleasant, Kansas*

# ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## State and Township Construction Put Highways in Much Better Condition for Coming of Winter.

1930

Eldersville, Sept. 23.—The coming winter will find the roads of Jefferson township in better condition than ever before, about eight miles having been improved this summer with reddog. Four miles are from the Wargo farm near the Avella intersection past Bethel to where the railroad tunnel passes under the John R. Cassidy farm. Another section is that part of the road starting at the state line at McCready Wrights on the Eldersville-Follansbee road and leading down into the Melvin school district; also that part of the road leading toward Cross Creek as far as the Thomas Pettibone place and that past the school house and the church. Some other pieces of road were covered and bad places fixed. All these roads are much traveled and are used by school buses

# HICKORY WOMAN DIES UNEXPECTEDLY WHILE VISITING IN THE WEST

1917

Hickory, Aug. 13.—Word was received here today of the sudden death at 9:30 o'clock this morning of Mrs. Hadessa M. Rankin of this place, while visiting her sister, Mrs. Rose McIlvaine, at Fort Scott, Kan. She had been a sufferer for many months from heart trouble.

Mrs. Rankin, who was born January 16, 1839, was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Campbell Marshall and a member of one of the pioneer families of the section. She was married on March 8, 1864, to John Milton Rankin, Dr. Stockton of Crosscreek Presbyterian church, performing the ceremony. She and Mr. Rankin resided for several years in Kentucky, where on June 26, 1873, he died. Mrs. Rankin for the last few years had made her home here with her children. She had been absent in the West for about a month, visiting.

She leaves the following children: John T. Rankin of Akron, O.; Isabel at home, Mrs. Dessie McElroy of Ashtabula, O.; William M. Rankin of Wyoming. One sister, Mrs. McIlvaine, at whose home she died, also survives.

The body will be brought back here Wednesday and funeral services will be held at the late home in the afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. A. F. Alexander, D. D., of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, her pastor. Interment will be in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church.

# Scott Family Reunion Held at Burgettstown

1930

On July 4, descendants, direct and indirect, of the pioneer Finley Scott, of Smith township, to the number of nearly 200, gathered at the farm home of Lee R. Scott, situated three miles south of Burgettstown, in their 13th annual reunion.

After a picnic dinner, served in the large barn, an interesting historical program, prepared and led by Mrs. Anna Cowen Blackledge, of New Brighton, was carried out. This history revealed that the very early Scotts, from which this line descended, emigrated to America from Northern Ireland in 1688 and settled in Central Pennsylvania, near where Harrisburg is located. These sturdy Scotts, cleared and cultivated their land and reared large families. Loyalty to their line and to certain family names were outstanding characteristics: nearly every family having a Josiah, an Abraham, an Alexander, etc.

One of these Scotts, named Josiah, married and migrated to Maryland, where he reared his family. When the Revolutionary war broke out he with his son, Josiah, enlisted. After a brief service, the father became ill and was ordered home. Immediately he sent his son Abraham to serve in his stead. This Abraham, born in 1753, who became the father of the original Finley Scott, was such a good soldier that he was retained until the close of the conflict.

After the war, the government gave grants of land of 160 acres for service. These three Scotts, father and two sons, received grants in what is now Greene and Washington counties. Abraham received his grant on Raccoon Creek, near Raccoon post-office, where he made his home after he married Jane Finley, sister of John Finley, the founder of Finleyville. To this union was born 10 children, as follows: Rachel, Mrs. James Russell; Mary, Mrs. Thomas Fletcher; Ann, Mrs. James Kerr; Jane, Mrs. David White; Elizabeth, Mrs. William Scott; Susan, Mrs. John McBride; Abraham, Finley, Holland, and Samuel.

Finley Scott, the second son of

Abraham and Jane Finley Scott, was born in 1800 and in 1822 married Margaret Stephenson. They located on a rented farm in Robinson township, but in a few years bought what is now the Lee R. Scott farm in Smith township. The first payment on this farm was \$200, and was made with silver dollars, which Finley carried in sacks on horseback from Washington. He lived on this farm for 20 years, and then bought the old Judge James Edgar farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life.

To Finley and Margaret Scott were born nine children, Ann, Robert K., James, Samuel, Finley, John, Levi, Jane (Mrs. William H. Cowen), and Margaret (Mrs. Thomas H. Ackleson). This remarkable family of six brothers and three sisters furnished material for a most interesting discourse. They operated several hundred acres of land, and in agriculture and stock raising, sheep especially, they were among the leaders in Washington county. In 1852 two of the sons, James and Finley, went to California in response to the call of the gold excitement. They returned the next year very little richer than when they left home. Levi, the youngest son, entered the Civil war as a bugler and was honorably discharged after three years' service. Ann, the oldest, died at the age of 39, unmarried. Each of the other members of the family married and reared families and have departed this earth except the youngest, Margaret, wife of the late Thomas H. Ackleson, of Burgettstown. Mrs. Ackleson, the central figure at all of these reunions, although in her 85th year, enjoys good health and the unique distinction of being the mother, grandmother, aunt or great-aunt of every surviving member of the direct line.

One member of each branch of the Finley Scott tree gave a brief history of his particular line, giving the number of descendants, births, deaths, etc. After vocal numbers by Lila Scott, of California, and a reading by Sarah Scott, of Beaver, the pleasant day came to a close.

*John, Will & Tom Rankin  
all lived once at Plattsmouth  
Iubaska & Tom died there*

# Married 40 Years Ago



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL T. DENNY 1930

Rea. Oct. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Denny, prominent in church work, active in the affairs of the community and highly respected by friends and neighbors, celebrated in their home last evening after 40 years of wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny are both lifelong residents of the section, having spent their entire married life in the township in which they now live. They moved to their

present home near West Middletown 25 years ago. They were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. Denny's father, who then lived in Washington, on October 22, 1890, by Dr. James I. Brownson, then pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city.

There were eight children born to the union, all of whom are liv-

ing, and all except one with their parents on the eventful evening. The children are Mrs. Grover Carl, of Avella; Mrs. William Nee'y, of Dormont; Mrs. Clifford Work, of Weirton, W. Va.; Mrs. Paul Craft, of Wellsburg; Mrs. Sheldon Thomas, of Bellevue; Mrs. William Cagnon, of Philadelphia; Miss Sara Denny, at home, and Walter M. Denny, of Meadowlands. Mrs. Cagnon was not present for the celebration. There are 13 grandchildren, 11 of whom were present.

Friends and neighbors to the number of 70 were invited by the children to the anniversary. Beside the members of the immediate family circle and neighbors in the community, guests were present from Washington, Pittsburgh, Claysville, and Hickory. The evening was spent in conversation, in which many reminiscences were exchanged. None remembered the events of years ago more keenly than Lew's McCreery, of Cross Creek, a brother of Mrs. Denny, who was the only person in attendance last evening who was at the wedding ceremony 40 years ago.

After a lunch served by the six daughters and one daughter-in-law present, the many guests, after repeated congratulations, departed for their respective homes, and assured Mr. and Mrs. Denny that they would return on their golden wedding day.

Mr. Denny is a son of the late Walter and Mary Welch Denny who were among the prominent citizens of the community. Mrs. Denny is a daughter of the late William and Amanda Campbell McCreery.

# JAMES W. BOLES IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

### Former Independence Township Resident Dies from Stroke Following Injuries

Received in a Fall.

Oct 27, 1930

The death of James W. Boles, a well known resident of Washington and a lifelong resident of Washington county, residing at 59 Seminole avenue, occurred Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Washington hospital where he had been for the past seven weeks as the result of a fall sustained while employed at the Hazel-Atlas Glass factory. He was aged 70 years.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church, will be held in the Boles home in Seminole avenue this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will be taken to Independence for interment and where the Masonic services will be held at the grave conducted by the Wellsburg Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M.

For many years Mr. Boles was employed at the Hazel-Atlas Glass factory and on August 31, he was engaged in placing some finished product in a wareroom and a small truck slipped from under him and he fell to the floor. As the result of the fall he sustained a broken hip and was later taken to the hospital. In two weeks he sustained a stroke of paralysis and his decline had been fast since that time. Mr. Boles was a man who made friends readily and never forgot them and his death will be learned with sorrow by many persons.

He was a son of William and Ruth Ann Jackson Boles and was born in what is now Jefferson township near Eldersville September 29, 1860, being one of a family of nine children, three girls and six boys. For a number of years he resided in Eldersville, but in the year 1880 moved to Independence where he lived until seven years ago when he came to Washington. His early life was spent on the farm.

His ancestors were among the early settlers of Washington county, his great-grandfather, Jacob Buxton, having come to the county early in its history. He settled in what was then Cross Creek township out of which Jefferson was formed later. It was said that Mr. Buxton, the great-grandfather, was the seventh white man who settled in the township. He took up a tract of land containing 413 acres

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which cost him \$9.17 and this tract is still in the hands of the Boles family.

In politics Mr. Boles was a staunch Republican. While a resident of the Independence section he was a member of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian church, but after coming to Washington transferred his membership to the Third Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Boles was a member of the Masonic order having held his membership in the Wellsburg Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 2. He was a thirty-second degree mason having his consistory membership in Wheeling.

Mr. Boles never married and is survived by the following brothers, John A. Boles, with whom he lived, McClelland T. Boles and Cyrus W. Boles of Eldersville. One niece, Miss Helen Boles, of Seminole avenue, also survives.

### M. M. Acheson, Well Known Burgettstown Resident, Passes Away

1930

Burgettstown, Nov. 10.—M. M. Acheson, aged 88 years, a well known resident of this community, died in his home here tonight at 11:30 o'clock. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Acheson was born near Hickory but for many years owned and operated the farm where the American Zinc & Chemical company plant is located at Langeloth. After selling the farm he retired and moved here. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery at Hickory.

# PAUL ESTATE BARN BURNED NEAR HICKORY

## Spectacular Fire Destroys Building Erected by Father of Brady Paul, Slain Policeman—Loss Near \$12,000.

### ORIGIN IS MYSTERIOUS

1930

HICKORY, Nov. 23.—A spectacular fire, breaking out about 6 o'clock tonight, destroyed one of the most modern dairy barns in this community, on the farm of the W. M. Paul estate, at McGugin Station on the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad, a short distance south of Hickory. Loss is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

The barn was built by the father of Brady Paul, State patrolman, killed last December 27, while attempting to arrest burglary suspects, and for whose death Mrs. Irene Schroeder and Glenn Dague were convicted at New Castle. Paul's mother, Mrs. Vinta Paul McGugin, now living at Washington, Ia., is administrator of the estate.

The barn, though modern, was made more modern within the last few months by the installation of up-to-date machinery, the most recent installation being a complete milking machine outfit. Other farm machinery, several hundred bushels of grain, and two mows full of hay, estimated at more than 50 tons, were destroyed. A spring house, wagon shed and two big silos full of silage were also consumed by the flames. All live stock was rescued.

Howard M. Phillips, who has resided on the farm for several years, had been working about the barn and a few minutes before, had put hay down for the cows, which he had put in the stable for milking. He saw no signs of fire. He went into the springhouse, about two feet from the barn, and while he was there, Mrs. Phillips saw the flames shooting through the roof. She called him and the Houston Fire Department was summoned. The firemen saved the house, which was threatened by sparks carried by a high, east wind, which shifted to the south during the fire. The house is about 100 yards from the barn.

Nothing is known as to the origin of the fire. Mr. Phillips, who had been in the mow a few moments before, is not a smoker and carried no matches. The blaze apparently started high in the mow, under the roof, and was first seen shooting through the roof. No passenger trains are scheduled on Sunday, and it is believed no freight trains had passed. The barn is close to the railroad

The loss was partially covered by insurance, about \$2,500 on the building and \$2,000 on the contents.

# WILL INSTALL NEW PASTOR AT BUFFALO FRIDAY

## Rev. Donald M. Grant, D. D., Received from Presbytery of Parkersburg—Arrangements for Ceremony.

MANSE MUCH IMPROVED  
Sept 25 1930

At the fall meeting of the Presbytery of Washington, held in the Lower Buffalo church Tuesday, the Rev. Donald M. Grant, D. D., was received from the Presbytery of Parkersburg and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor of the Upper Buffalo church on Friday, September 26, at 1 o'clock.

The moderator of the presbytery, the Rev. O. S. Fowler, of Claysville, will preside, propound the constitutional questions and offer the prayer of installation. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. George W. Snodgrass, a former pastor of this church, now of the Coal Center and Daisytown group. The Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, of the Third church, Washington, will deliver the charge to the people, and the Rev. R. W. E. Kaufman, of the Cross Creek church, the charge to the pastor. Other nearby ministers are invited, and these will assist in the services.

Since the acceptance of the call by Dr. Grant committees have been busy making extensive improvements in and about the manse, all of which add very materially to the comfort of his family.

Following the installation services the women of the church will tender an informal reception to the newly installed pastor and his wife. All residents of the community are invited to be present at this Friday afternoon occasion.

# Unassuming Shoemaker of Hickory Was Decorated for Bravery in European War

1930

HICKORY, Nov. 27.—The opening of a repair shop in this town last spring by Joseph Wittman,



**Joseph Wittman** long a resident here, was an event which the people welcomed, because it was a needed service. Early this month "Joe," as he is familiarly called, commenced operations in a new location and he is now ready for business in a four-room apartment on the property of W. Colbert and Mrs. Emma Moore.

A stranger watching Mr. Wittman dexterously handling the tools of his trade would never guess the career that lies behind this diminutive man of German descent.

Joe is the proud possessor of a gold medal and an Iron Cross, for bravery in action in the War of 1886, between Bavaria and Bohemia. Mr. Wittman had three horses shot from under him, and the last of the ill-fated animals fell on him in such a manner as to break his left leg near the thigh. He lay on the field of battle for a day and a half, was passed up by those seeking the wounded, and when the dead wagon came along "Joe" was found to be alive, and removed to a field hospital, where he spent many weary weeks recovering the use of his leg.

Mr. Wittman was born at Munich, in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany. Ludwig was king of Bavaria, and he got into a fuss with an influential doctor of Bohemia, which was under Austrian rule. The two went out in a boat and were drowned, but finger-marks on their throats indicated they had been "wrassling."

Such gallantry and suffering as Joe gave his country was rewarded by a two years' furlough, during which he engaged in the shoemaking trade, work which his father also followed. On April 1, 1887, he was married, and shortly afterward received word that he must serve two more years in the army. That seemed like base injustice to Mr. Wittman, so he emigrated to America, in September, 1887. His wife was to fol-

low, but she became ill of appendicitis, and died at Christmas time of that year.

Arriving at Primrose, Joe rode with a fish man to McDonald, and there he got a ride through the mud to Hickory with Craig Cummins, rural mail carrier, who died a few years ago.

Joseph Hemphill was proprietor of a shoe shop in Hickory at that time, and Joe took employment with him, and worked three years. Then he went to the farm of L. H. Ahrns, on the edge of Hickory, April 1, 1891, and remained until 1899. On June 12, 1899, which he remembers as the day William McCarrell died, he sailed for Germany to visit his old home.

Arriving in the fatherland on June 29, Mr. Wittman visited his father, a man than 80 years of age and not in very good health. He remained in Germany a year and four months, and Oct. 28, 1900, arrived in Pittsburgh. The first man he recognized in the Union Station was S. M. McNary. He went back to the farm of L. H. Ahrns, where he remained until 1906, when, on the death of Mr. Hemphill, he purchased his shop, which he conducted until the death of Mrs. Hemphill in 1911.

Desiring some new experience, Joe next took employment as cook for a paint gang on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and for two years he traveled in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, looking after the needs of the inner man for the well-known transportation system.

April of 1915 found the shoemaker back with L. H. Ahrns, this time for a sojourn of 15 years, until April, 1930, when he opened a shop in McPeak's Hall, Hickory. Now he is located in a shop built for the purpose, with bachelor quarters in which he may practice domestic science as learned with the old paint gang on the Pennsylvania.

*Joseph Wittman died at Hickory, Pa on May 30, 1939. Buried on the Hemphill family lot (# 341) in Int. Prospect Cemetery. (See Scrapbook # 26 page 28)*

## Miss Dorcas Thompson, Of West Middletown, Dies; Funeral Today

1930

WEST MIDDLETOWN, Nov. 28.—The death of Miss Dorcas A. Thompson, a lifelong resident of this section, occurred at her home here this morning at 2:30 o'clock, following a few days illness. She was aged 79 years. Funeral services will be held from the residence of her nephew, R. M. Thompson, near here, Saturday at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. J. Earl Hughes, pastor of the Grove U. P. Church. The interment will be in the West Middletown Cemetery.

Miss Thompson, a daughter of the late James A. and Mary Provines Thompson, was born in Cross Creek Township, September 23, 1852, and had spent her entire life in this section having resided in the borough of West Middletown for many years. She was a member of the U. P. Church here. She is survived by two brothers, J. Frank Thompson, of Washington, and William W. Thompson, near Avella. The late John L. Thompson, of this place, was a brother. Nine nephews and nieces also survive.

## AGED MAN SUFFERS FRACTURE OF LEG

*See 1, 1930*  
Joseph R. McNary, of Burgettstown, past 80 years of age and one of the oldtimers who has attended every Burgettstown Fair since the enterprise was organized 75 years ago is in the Washington Hospital suffering from a fractured leg. Mr. McNary fell on the sidewalk at Burgettstown and fractured the bone, in the left leg just below the hip. He was brought to the hospital and is getting along well despite the seriousness of the break and his advanced age.

# DR. G. M. KERR, CANDOR PASTOR, PASSES AWAY

Pastorate of Almost 60 Years  
Ended Few Days After  
Preaching Final Sermon on  
87th Birthday.

## DEATH COMES SUDDENLY

Dec 1 1930  
Death Saturday morning, November 29, 1930, shortly after midnight, of the Rev. Greer McIlvaine Kerr, D. D., brought to a close one of the longest pastorates in the history of Washington County and Western Pennsylvania. He had been pastor of the Raccoon Presbyterian Church at Candor since his installation June 14, 1871, a period of more than 59 years. He was called to the church at Candor shortly before his graduation in 1871 from Western Theological Seminary, in Pittsburgh; was installed upon graduation, and served the church as the only pastorate of his career.

At that time the church was the only Presbyterian church in that district of Washington County, but the congregation later gave birth to the Midway and McDonald churches.

Dr. Kerr was 87 years of age. He was born November 23, 1843, in Finleyville, Washington County, of pioneer ancestry, his parents and grandparents also having been natives of the county. He was a son of John and Elizabeth McIlvaine Kerr. He was baptized in the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, by Dr. James Sloan. In 1887 he was graduated from Westminster College and in 1871 received his degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. Later he was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Westminster College.

The last Sunday before his death he celebrated his 87th birthday, preaching on the text, "Remember Now Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth." He was taken ill early Friday evening, and efforts of physicians failed to aid him, death coming at 1:40 a. m. Saturday.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr, and seven children, Attorney James S. Kerr, Greer M. Kerr, Misses Mary, Margaret and Amy Kerr, all at home; Mrs. Nesbit Ross, Carnegie, and Jean Kerr, Washington, D. C. Another son, John Kerr, was killed about a year ago in an automobile accident in Kentucky.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock, in the church of which he was pastor. Interment be in the Candor Cemetery.

# HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE IN COUNTY RURAL DISTRICT

Numerous Structures Burn in  
Hickory - Woodrow - Rea  
Area—Large Number Dur-  
ing Present Year.

## LIGHTNING CAUSED TWO

1930—  
HICKORY, Dec. 3.—When a wisp of flame was observed by neighbors as it started up the straw stack on the James A. McGugin farm, in Mt. Pleasant Township, at milking time on Sunday, September 24, 1922, it was the first of a series of fires which, during the past eight years have left a horseshoe shaped trail of ruin from McGugin Station, a mile and a half west of this place, to Woodrow and Rea, farther west. The Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad passes through the center of the region affected.

All these fires occurred in a limited area, and over a series of farms, none of which is separated from the next ill-fated one by more than a mile, and most of which adjoin another of the group. While the fire did not move in direct or-

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On the afternoon of July 15, 1927, William McCalmont, who lives two miles west of Hickory, was driving in with a load of hay. When he was about 100 feet below the barn he saw a bolt of lightning strike a corner of the roof, and a few moments the structure was doomed.

Lightning again touched off a fire when, on the night of Sunday, April 13, 1930, Christian Knauer's barn was reduced to ashes. A State patrolman, blinded by the torrential rain, had stopped near the barn, and saw a bolt of lightning strike it. He notified the family, and they were able to save the stock and machinery. Mrs. Knauer, who had been ill, died the same night.

In some respects the most distressing fire to occur in this region was the one which, just a year ago, on November 25, 1929, claimed the barn of the late Frank Barnes, 18 head of stock perishing. The cause of the conflagration was unknown, and the loss included a team of horses, and quantities of hay, oats, and wheat. Mr. Barnes, who was confined to a Pittsburgh hospital at the time, died next morning without knowledge of his loss.

The third loss to be sure, this chain of ruin within a single year was that of R. R. Cowden, northeast of Rea, when at 8 o'clock on the evening of April 19, 1930, the day before Easter, his barn burned to the ground. The cause of this fire has also remained unknown.

South of Rea, William Shaffer, on the old Studa place, lost two barns late in August of 1928, and the location of these unfortunate buildings forms one westerly point of that horseshoe of destruction, with R. R. Cowden's place as the other.

Were one to begin at Shaffer's to plot the geography of these fires, irrespective of the time sequence in which they occurred, he would proceed eastward to the James A. McGugin and Vinta Paul McGugin lands, northward to Christian Knauer's farm, and westward to McCalmont's, Barnes' and Cowden's. The toll on seven farms was eight barns and a number of adjacent smaller structures.

Getting away from the Woodrow-Rea section, which has the unlucky horseshoe about its neck, the past eight years have piled up a bad record in other parts of the township, or its borders. On the Burgettstown road Brainard Lyle lost a barn by fire, not long after the first McGugin loss. Joseph Kujas, at the old Smith store location, in Cherry Valley, has lost two 40 by 60 barns in as many years. S. A. Harbison, of Hickory, recently lost a barn at his upper farm on the Westland road, and, on the old Hugh Sterling farm, near Gilmore, a barn went up in smoke.

The worst barn fire in Mt. Pleasant Township of recent weeks, excepting the Vinta Paul McGugin loss, was that of Ernest Kreikemeyer, of the Midway road, about six weeks ago, his two barns burned, taking with them hay, grain and machinery.

In regard to these last seven barns it is believed that no theory as to the origin of the fire has ever been proved.

Fifteen barn losses have been discussed here, which have occurred during the past eight years. As far as can be learned, two of these barns were struck by lightning, and 13 were set ablaze by mysterious or unknown causes.

Mt. Pleasant Township, including its borders, is losing barns at the rate of two a year. In most of

the cases no satisfactory explanation of the cause can be made.



## CROSS CREEK RESIDENT DIES WHILE AT WORK

John Cassidy, Widely Known  
Carpenter, Victim of Apoplexy — Funeral Services  
Tomorrow Afternoon.

1930

CROSS CREEK, Dec. 5.—John Cassidy, aged 52 years, widely known Cross Creek carpenter, dropped dead while working at the Thomas L. Johnson home here this morning at 8:30 o'clock. Death was pronounced due to apoplexy.

Mr. Cassidy was a son of Ambrose and Anna Quarterman Cassidy, and had spent his entire life in the district. Following death of his parents he had made his home in Cross Creek, following the carpentering trade. He was the last of his family, leaving no relatives.

Funeral services will be held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of Rev. Ralph E. Kaufman. Interment will be in Cross Creek Cemetery.

## DR. HARRY STUNKARD, OF AVELLA, IS DEAD

Widely Known Physician of  
Western Washington County  
Dies in Pittsburgh Hospital—Funeral Tuesday.

1930

AVELLA, Dec. 7.—The death of Dr. Harry Stunkard, a well-known physician of this place, occurred in the Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, Saturday night at 10 o'clock due to complications which developed following an operation for appendicitis.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. P. H. Hazlett, pastor of the Avella Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Charles Stunkard, of Hickory U. P. Church, will be held in the Stunkard home here Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be in the Independence Cemetery.

Dr. Stunkard had not been well, but kept at his practice almost day and night. On Wednesday, November 26, he was forced to go to the hospital for an operation for appendicitis. Peritonitis followed the operation and his condition had been serious until his death last night.

Dr. Stunkard, a son of James and Ellen Stunkard, was a native of Jefferson County, this State, where he spent his early life. He was born September 5, 1868. After attending common school, he entered a medical college at Philadelphia and graduated from that institution. He then entered the College for Physician and Surgery at Baltimore and completed his course there. He served as interne in the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Stunkard came to Avella in 1905. For a number of years Dr. Stunkard was the mine physician for practically all of the mines in this section, but for the past few years had devoted his time to general practice.

It can be truly said that Dr. Stunkard was one of the old type country physicians, as no night was too stormy, no mud too deep, or the distance too far for him to answer a call whether the patient be rich or poor. He was considered the friend of the poor man and his books will show thousands of uncollected bills. The services of Dr. Stunkard will be greatly missed throughout the western end of the county.

Dr. Stunkard was serving as supervisor of Independence Township at the time of his death. He was deeply interested in good roads and getting better highways for the people of this district. He was largely responsible for the reddog roads that have been built in this township during the past few months. He held his church affiliations at Punxsutawney where he resided previous to coming to Avella.

A few years ago Dr. Stunkard was united in marriage with Miss Alice Brown, a daughter of William J. Brown, of this place. She survives with the following children by previous marriages: Dwight Stunkard, of New Jersey; Russell Stunkard and Miss Labelle Stunkard, of Punxsutawney, and Harry Stunkard, Jr., a student at West Virginia University. One brother, William Stunkard, of Coffeyville, Kas., and one sister, Mrs. Gaghan, of Cleveland, O., also survive.

## COUNTRY DOCTOR OF OLD SCHOOL

When Dr. Harry Stunkard died December 5, Avella and community lost a figure who, during his 25 years of ministration to the sick and afflicted of that section, won the right to be called a country doctor of the old school.

The day before Dr. Stunkard was forced to go to the hospital he could not be dissuaded from assisting in the preparation of 50 baskets of supplies for distribution among the poor and needy. That was the last of a series of acts covering a quarter of a century of practice in which he was ever the poor man's friend.

When the funeral procession formed there were in line 169 automobiles. In those cars were persons of place and power, but there were more of Abraham Lincoln's kind of people—people who were just folks, and the tears of the aged and lonely, and the foreign-born, flowed freely.

Dr. Stunkard was a native of Jefferson County. In his early life he must have had sturdy examples of manhood placed before him. At any rate no night was too stormy, and no mud too deep for him to answer a call, whether the patient was rich or poor.

At the time of the riots at Cliftonville he put up thousands of dollars to bail out his patients, showing a loyalty towards the underprivileged that rose above the ordinary dictates of prudence; it was positively sacrificial.

As The Observer views it, there is something strangely dramatic and moving about such a career, a life which literally went out from its very excess of enthusiasm for the part it was destined to play in life. There was with him no practicing of medicine with one eye on the bankroll, and the other on a nice soft spot for old age. He came upon the stage as a physician, and to that calling he was always giving "the last full measure of devotion."

An address was delivered at the County Institute by William R. Bennett in which he discussed "Close-ups on Famous Men." Such privileges of association are for the few. Most of us must gain our inspiration from the heroic as it lives in the breasts of our friends. To those who came under his care, Dr. Harry Stunkard had points of greatness, as greatness is defined in terms of helpfulness.

Er **FARMER FATALLY STRICKEN WHILE DRIVING A TEAM**

D: w e o h b e  
 Robert G. Jeffrey, 75, Well Known Cross Creek Township Man, Is Discovered Dead by Neighbor.

VICTIM OF APOPLEXY  
 ——— 1930  
 Cross Creek, July 2.—While seated in his wagon holding the lines drawn on his farm team Robert G. Jeffrey, a well-known farmer of Cross Creek township, was found dead this morning at 5:40 o'clock by a neighbor. A stroke of apoplexy was the cause of his death. He was aged about 75 years.

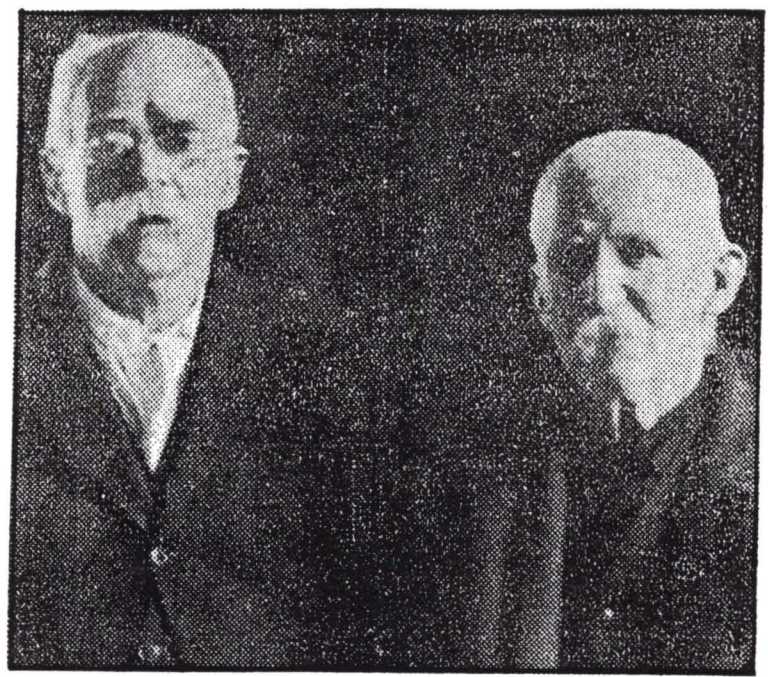
Mr. Jeffrey had been in his usual health and yesterday had built fence all day. This morning he arose, ate a hearty breakfast and started to the home of his neighbor, Fred Kraaer, with his milk. Mr. Kraaer noticed that the team had stopped, and Mr. Jeffrey making no effort to take the milk on to his home, he went to investigate and found Mr. Jeffrey had died as he sat on the wagon seat, the lines in his hand.

Mr. Jeffrey had been a lifelong citizen of Cross Creek township and had always followed agricultural pursuits. He had served on the school board and had held other township offices.

Early in life he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie McCallmont, who survives with the following children: Besste, wife of Charles M. Marquis, of Shenango; Verner, at home; Dwight, near Pittsburgh; Ralph, of Cross Creek township and Howard of Burgettstown. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren, Robert Graham, Jr., residing with the grandparents and four great grandchildren. One brother, Russell Jeffrey, also survives. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mr. Jeffrey was a staunch Republican and served on the county committee for several years. On Jan. 1, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. A son, Dwight, was enroute to Yellowstone Park, but he was reached by telegram in South Dakota. Mr. Jeffrey had been a member of the Hickory U. P. church for 60 years.

**These Twins Active in 81st Year**



1930 McPEAK TWINS, OF HICKORY.

HICKORY, Dec. 12.—Memorial Day each year finds Hickory's oldest set of twins marking another milestone along the pathway of life. However, when S. N. and James A. McPeak were born there was no such thing as Memorial Day, for they were ushered into this world on May 30, 1850.

The McPeak twins, hale and hearty octogenarians that they are, were born at Venic, and when five years old moved with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McPeak, to this place, where they have since resided. S. N. McPeak, a carpenter, engaged in the building of houses and barns from his youth until middle life, when the lumber firm of S. N. McPeak, in which he is still active, was organized, about 25 years ago. He is a confirmed bachelor.

James A. McPeak, who learned the plastering trade, has followed that work in his home community, as well as in many other parts of the county, including all the important towns. Along with William

Mellon and James Dagg, residents of Washington, he worked on the County Home when it was built some 60 years ago.

On Nov. 23, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPeak celebrated their golden wedding. The Rev. G. M. Kerr, D. D., pastor of the Candor Presbyterian Church, who had performed the original ceremony at Midway, was still pastor there at the time of the golden wedding, but passed away in his home at Candor six days later, on Saturday, Nov. 29, at the age of 87 years.

The McPeak brothers, although in many respects the most notable twins in the State of Pennsylvania, perhaps in the whole United States, have passed 10 years beyond the Psalmist's allotted span without having been written up in any newspaper. Neither has craved reputation than to be known as honest, useful, and respectable, and their fellow townsmen agree that it may be said of each brother that he is "every inch a man."

*S. N. McPeak died Feb. 1, 1937*

# Other Years Are Recalled By Aged Woman Who Makes Trip Over Modern Highway

1930

HICKORY, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Elizabeth Grounds Stewart, of this place, celebrated the opening day of her 86th year, on November 1, by taking an automobile ride over the new concrete highway leading from Mt. Prospect Church to Washington. Mrs. Stewart was highly pleased with the new road, and enjoyed her trip through a section where she had lived as a girl. Miss Martha and Miss Dora Cowden accompanied her on the ride.

Many changes have occurred along this route within the memory of Mrs. Stewart, although nearly all of the older houses are still standing. On the whole she believes there was more pride in the beauty of property in the early days than there is now. There was better sabbath observance. Friends of her youth, both among her father's generation and her own, have pretty largely passed away, or are scattered far from the scenes of their youth.

The first of the older houses, beginning beyond McCarrell's School, was the home of Andrew McCarrell, which descended to the late William McCarrell, and then to W. D. McCarrell, now of Washington. Miss Bessie McCarrell, a sister of W. D. McCarrell, also resides in Washington.

The new road passes at some distance from another McCarrell homestead, that of Thomas McCarrell, where his grandson, Thomas L., now lives. Mr. McCarrell first married Elizabeth McNary, of Burgettstown, and their children were, Dr. James McCarrell, of Pittsburgh; Dr. John McCarrell, of Wellsville, O.; Mrs. Joseph Cowden, of Venice, and Miss Martha. In the third generation is Dr. James McCarrell, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Martha and Miss Dora Cowden, of Hickory.

Thomas McCarrell had for his second wife, Elizabeth McConaghy, of near Hickory, and her sons, who grew to maturity were Dr. D. M. McCarrell, of Hickory; Leman, of

the homestead farm; Lodowick, of Washington, and Rev. A. D. McCarrell, of Wilkinsburg, all of whom are now dead. Leman's descendants were Mrs. Archie Taggart, of Buffalo; Mrs. Walker Dinsmore, of New Wilmington; A. D., of Hickory, and Thomas L., of the home farm. Lodowick was the father of R. L. McCarrell, of Washington. Dr. D. M. McCarrell's direct descendants are Miss Ora, Dr. D. L., and J. P. McCarrell, all of Hickory. Miss Mary and F. A. McCarrell, of Hickory survive. Rev. and Mrs. A. D. McCarrell, Margaret Martin was the third wife of Thomas McCarrell.

Beyond the McCarrells lived Alexander McElroy, whose wife was Jane McDowell. H. C. Rasel now owns this farm. They had four sons, Dr. Joseph McElroy, who practiced medicine more than 50 years at Hickory, and William, James and John. Dr. McElroy married Margaret Brown, and their two daughters survive. Mrs. J. B. Kithcart, of Steubenville, O., and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Hickory. William married Nancy Smith, of Wellsburg, W. Va., and James married Mary Cundall, of near Washington. John married Julia Farrar, of Cherry Valley. James McElroy's son, Alexander, married Martha Nichol, and those of their children today living in Washington are, Mrs. A. H. Wright and Miss Helen McElroy.

Beyond the McElroy house was the home of James Miller, where he lived for many years with his son, John, and five daughters.

At the crossroads lived James McDowell, father of ten children, the last of whom was Miss Kate McDowell, who passed away last winter in the old homestead. Her brothers and sisters who resided in this community throughout their lives were Mary, Jane, Rachel, Jacob, Samuel, Robert, and Joseph.

John and Catherine Miller McDowell lived beside James McDowell, on the farm now owned by a

grandson, John H. McDowell. A son, John McDowell, died at Cansburg, December 4, 1930. A daughter, Mrs. J. M. K. Donaldson, wife of J. M. K. Donaldson, of Hickory, passed away in 1928. She was the mother of Mrs. R. E. Conner, of Hickory. Rebecca McDowell, a sister of Mrs. Donaldson, married James Agnew.

At the top of McDowell's hill, on the farm now owned by Walter McPeak, lived James Agnew, an uncle of Mrs. Stewart. He was married three times, and his first wife was Nancy Jane Buchanan, of Hickory. His second partner was Margaret Cassidy Brown, of Cross Creek, and his third, Margaret Aiken, of Washington.

Mrs. Stewart was born, and for many years resided on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Herron. Her parents were John and Jemima Buchanan Grounds. Her father was born in 1802, and died in 1898. Her mother, born in 1815, died in 1893, at the age of 78. There were four children in the family, and besides Mrs. Stewart there survives but one, Mrs. H. H. Carothers, of Charleroi. Her children are Miss Velma at home, and Dr. Richard Carothers, of Uniontown. Mrs. Stewart's brother, William, married Mary Martha Henderson, daughter of Robert and

Margaret Reed Henderson, of Cross Roads. He died in his 58th year, leaving a daughter, Mrs. Anna Della Sprowls, of Houston, and a son, Dr. W. L. Grounds, of Roaring Springs. Another sister, Hannah, married Thomas Shaw, and their son, Lawrence, now lives near Arden. He married Blanche Hunter.

Uncle Henry Grounds lived where R. R. Chapman does now, and he married Mary Imhoff, of the North Buffalo section. Julia, a daughter, married James Stewart and their daughter, Anna, married James Smiler. The Smiley home was in the Woodrow section, near Bushy Rock schoolhouse, and a son, R. E. Smiley, is a resident of Hickory. Mr. Grounds sold the farm to John Anderson, grandfather of William A. and Joseph Carlisle, who now live in Hickory.

The McKee place came next, where John McKee resided until his death at the age of more than 90 years. He carried out the tradition of the road by marrying twice.

Ephraim Johnston Agnew occupied the adjoining property. His son, Samuel Agnew, was killed at Oak Grove crossing a number of years ago. Jennie, who has passed away, was the second wife of the aforementioned Thomas Shaw, and Elizabeth is now Mrs. William Donaldson, of Houston. Annie was the first wife of William M. Russell, of the Cherry Valley road.

Robert and Alexander Nesbit, both deceased, lived in the next house. Gretna did not exist. Then came the home of another Robert Nesbit. One of his daughters, Martha, married William Stewart, father of Frank Stewart, who now resides in the Buffalo section.

The Allison family adjoined the Nesbits. Hugh Allison was an elder in the North Buffalo U. P. Church, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Archibald Allison, now lives in Houston. He married four times and his children numbered 18. Thomas Agnew lived near the Taggart school, and his people are all gone.

Samuel White, who was murdered as he lay in bed on the night of March 30, 1857, lived on the farm adjoining the Allison land. He had moved out to the farm from Hickory only a month before he met his tragic end. The killer was never apprehended. The axe with which the deed was done was kept in the old Court House until the building was torn down. Mrs. Emma Moore, of Hickory, is a niece of Mr. White, who was her mother's only brother. The original house burned down.

*Mrs. Elizabeth Grounds Stewart was born about 1845 and died at Charleroi, Pa on May 9, 1932*

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Samuel Taggart, of the family for whom the schoolhouse was named, lived in the well-known stone house, which has in late years been covered with a coat of cement. Like two other men along this road he married three times.

Joseph Henderson, grandfather of J. B. Henderson, of Hickory, and of Frank and Miss Sadie Henderson, of Washington, lived on the next farm. He was married twice. His only son was James Henderson, well-known Civil War veteran and business man, who passed away in Washington a few years ago.

Matthew White lived in the next house. He was killed by the kick of a horse. One of his daughters became Mrs. Elizabeth Harsha, mother-in-law of the late Miller McNary, and long a resident of

Hickory. Jane Ann White became the wife of Alexander Reed, who is remembered for his excellent Bible teaching in the U. P. Church here. Mrs. C. H. Coleman, of Hickory, and Mrs. Oscar Robinson, of Rea, are daughters.

Aaron Miller lived in the brick house, where even to the present time the beauty of the lawn and garden is a subject of comment. His son, John, married Linda Willison, a sister of Homer Willison, of Houston. She was a widow for many years, and passed away not long ago.

Coming down to what might be called the corner, the Cundall brothers lived on opposite sides of the road, in the brick houses which stand there today. Last came the Wallace homestead and the pilgrim to Washington began to think of the streets of the metropolis, and it was no longer country, although the houses were few and far between until Main street was reached.

Mrs. Stewart, who is of a jovial disposition, speaks of herself as a "Hallowever" for she was born on Halloween, 1845. With her parents and sister, Rebecca, she moved to Hickory on the witch and goblin day in 1879. On December 28, 1881, she married Jacob M. Stewart and moved to the Cross Roads neighborhood, although maintaining

her church membership at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Then in 1894 she and Mr. Stewart moved to Hickory, where for the past 36 years her genial smile and kindhearted ways have made her home a landmark.

Mr. Stewart, who passed away on February 22, 1918, had as his first wife Rebecca Thompson Todd, daughter of Rev. John Todd, a United Presbyterian minister. To this union were born four daughters and one son, and four of these came under the motherly care of Mrs. Stewart. Lulu Blanche became Mrs. James R. Jamison, of Kansas City, and they have one son, Stewart Jamison. Frank T. married Mary Marquis, and they have five children. Grace Mabel

married William Ross, of Cross Roads, and their only daughter is now Mrs. Iva Herron. Edith Rebecca married Harry Quivey, of Canonsburg, and they have one son, Harry Quivey, Jr. Myrtle May married Ralph Bedillion, of Cross Roads, and they have five children.

# Mrs. Jane Ann Reed May, Of Venice, Spends 100th Birthday Quietly at Home

Dec 29, 1930

Mrs. Jane Reed May, of Venice, attained her 100th birthday yesterday.

Only members of the immediate family of Mrs. May, a member of one of the pioneer families of Western Pennsylvania, were present to spend the day with her. A few close friends called. Those present included her brothers, C. L. Reed, Houston, aged 77, and family, and Joseph Moore, aged 87 years, with whom Mrs. May makes her home.

Except for deafness, Mrs. May enjoys unusually good health for her years. This physical defect is peculiar in that it seems more pronounced on certain days. Yesterday it was extremely difficult for her to hear and she communicated only briefly with her family.

The Rev. C. T. Littell, pastor of the Venice United Presbyterian Church, called attention to the epoch in the life of the widely known and highly respected woman of the community. She is a charter member of the church. A floral tribute was sent to Mrs. Reed by the congregation.

Mrs. May is a daughter of the

late Joseph Reed and Anne McLean Reed and was born Dec. 23, 1830, on the homestead established by her grandparents, David and Margaret May Reed. Her husband, John B. May, to whom she was married Dec. 20, 1854, died five days after their golden wedding anniversary.

David and Margaret Reed, Mrs. May's grandparents, came from Lancaster County.

Hers is an illustrious name and aside from the family's contribution of men and women who have made history in industry and business over more than a century and a half, it has also given to the Nation two of its foremost leaders in the persons of Senator David A. Reed, Senior Senator from Pennsylvania, and former Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, one of the Nation's greatest statesmen and for many years a potential candidate for the presidency.

Remarkable changes have taken place during the life of Mrs. May. She is but two generations removed from President George Washington.

On the farm where she was born and but a few miles from the spot where Gen. Washington was entertained by her grandfather and promulgated his order to "squatters" to vacate the land which he claimed as a part of "Washington Lands," given him in patents issued by Augusta County, Va., Mrs. Jane-Ann Reed May celebrated her 100th anniversary.

Mrs. May can recount tales of 50 and 75 years ago and can relate the first hand stories of adventure, death, romance, and success of the days when there were few settlers and when the devout Scotch Presbyterians attended meeting with their guns and powder horns and shot pouches.

To Mrs. May were related the early tales of Washington by those who had experienced personal contact with him. From her have come the stories of suffering and hardships that the wilderness might be won. Yesterday she looked back upon her early memories to the accompaniment of the hum of the giant airplane that passes over her home daily, shortly after noon, carrying the mail from point to point by air route, and while automobiles dash by on hard surface roads and the radio brings attractive programs to her ears and the telephones and the daily newspapers bring her the news of the whole world.

The years have brought a mellowness for the memory of George Washington, who about the time Mrs. May was born was the subject of much adverse controversy in this section because of his arrogance and his dispossession of the early settlers. It was on the occasion of the visit to her grandfather, or about that time, that Washington was assessed a fine and costs for blasphemy in the court of a Scotch Presbyterian justice of the peace of Washington County and about which she has talked at various times.

Hers has been the privilege to live a century in a Nation which throughout that time has been plodding and winning its way to the uppermost pinnacle of world eminence, and hers is the privilege to live a childhood life under the reflected influence of the memory of George Washington, through a period of intimate knowledge of Abraham Lincoln and Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

# Injuries and Shock of Fall Fatal to Joseph Reed, 90

July 22 1933

Joseph Reed, aged 90 years, one of the venerable citizens of Cecil Township and a great-grandson of David Reed, one of the original settlers of that section of Washington County, died at his home near Venice yesterday morning at 7:15 o'clock.

Injuries and shock resulting from a fall suffered only a few days after Mr. and Mrs. Reed had celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of their marriage July 11 were the cause of death.

David Reed, his great-grandfather, was born on the ocean while his parents were en route to the United States about 1700. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and settled with his brother, John, on what became known as "Washington Land" in Mt. Pleasant Township.

The early settlers were unaware of the fact they were occupying land owned by George Washington. General Washington made a visit to the district in 1784 to claim the land which had been granted

to him. He was unable to come to terms with the pioneers and later purchased other ground, David Reed buying 300 acres in Cecil Township from Thomas Waller for one horse, one pair of blankets and 13 pounds sterling.

Joseph Reed was a son of Joseph and Martha Anderson Reed and was born April 30, 1843, on the Reed farm in Cecil Township where he spent practically his entire life. He was educated in the public schools of the district and July 11, 1883, he married Ella C. Cabbage, a daughter of John and Mary Hutchison Cabbage, who survives with three children, Myrtle, Joseph Houston and Ethel E.

One sister, Mrs. Jane May, 102 years old and one brother, C. L. Reed, of Houston, who is 80 years old, survive.

Mr. Reed always followed farming and was successful, specializing for many years in the raising of fine sheep. He was active in the

affairs of Cecil Township, serving as justice of the peace. He was a member of the original board of directors of the Citizens Trust Company, of Canonsburg, which was organized in 1901.

Long a member of the Venice United Presbyterian Church, the body will be taken there one hour before the funeral services which are to be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, standard time. Interment, which will be private, will be in Oak Spring Cemetery.

## WORK ABOUT CEMETERY AT HICKORY CONTINUES

Entrance Pillars and Ornamental Iron Fence Have Been Completed — Other Work in Progress.

1930

HICKORY, Dec. 8.—The entrance pillars and ornamental iron fence which have been in the course of erection for some time at the front of the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery here have been completed, and the beauty of the spot has been greatly enhanced.

The other three sides of the four-acre plot are enclosed by a four-foot cyclone fence, which, combined with the complete renovation of the main part of the cemetery, causes it to present an appearance quite gratifying to the board of directors, as well as to all those who have relatives buried there.

The board consists of D. E. McPeak, president; A. D. McCarrell, secretary; D. T. McAllister, treasurer; W. F. Caldwell and W. H. Glass, members. Washington business men, taking a keen interest in the enterprise, are R. L. McCarrell, John H. Donnan, Alvin E. Donnan and Sidney B. Donnan.

Work in grading the new part will be pushed as weather permits, and a suitable driveway is contemplated.

## Respected Woman of Crosscreek Township Is Claimed by Death

1925

Crosscreek, Dec. 7.—Mrs. H. M. Gault, aged 75 years, one of the widely known and respected women of this district, died at her home here this evening after an illness of eight weeks. Mrs. Gault was a daughter of the late William and Isabelle Dunbar. She was married to H. M. Gault in 1874. A member of the Crosscreek Presbyterian church, Mrs. Gault was always active in its affairs.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Gault leaves two daughters, Miss Laura Gault, at home, and Mrs. D. W. Lyle of Atlanta, Ga. Three grandchildren also, survive. She leaves four brothers and one sister: Rev. Joseph W. Dunbar, of Old Concord; George William and Samuel Dunbar, all of Crosscreek; and Mrs. Mollie Dunbar, of Crosscreek.

Funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church here Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment will be in the Crosscreek cemetery.

## HOPEWELL FARMER IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

John Maxwell Succumbs Suddenly to Attack of Indigestion. Was Well Known and Highly Respected Citizen.

1919

Buffalo, May 28.—John Maxwell, aged 62 years, one of the best known and most highly respected farmers of Hopewell township, died at his home near here at 5:45 o'clock this morning, after a brief illness. His death was due to indigestion and organic heart trouble. On Tuesday he had been busy all day shearing sheep and had been feeling as well as usual. Shortly after supper he was taken sick and his death followed in a few hours.

Mr. Maxwell was born on and had spent his entire life on the farm on which he died. He was one of the substantial citizens of Hopewell township and a progressive and successful farmer.

Early in life he united with the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian church and was one of the congregation's most active and consistent members, taking a lively interest in all its affairs.

He was married January 25, 1883, to Miss Cora McElroy, who survives him. Two sons also survive: L. A. Maxwell, proprietor of a general store in Buffalo village, and Charles G. Maxwell, on the home farm. Two grandchildren, Freeda and Florence Maxwell, and a brother, S. C. Maxwell, also survive.

Funeral services will be held at his late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the interment in the Upper Buffalo cemetery.

## ROBBER LOOTS HOUSE ON ASHBROOK FARM

A thief entered the tenement house on the farm of Edward Ashbrook, near town, yesterday morning about 9 o'clock and took a suit case, two razors and various articles of clothing. The thief, who gave his name as O'Day, was later apprehended and was brought to jail where he will be given a hearing later.

Auction sale Saturday night, May 31, 1919, at Mitchell's store. \*9229-2

### Last Week

Big Accessories Sale will positively end Saturday night. Everything must be sold this week. Central Trails Motor Co. \*9228-2t

Chevrolet cars in stock now. Get yours for Decoration day. T. H. Sutherland. Phone 933. \*9229-1

# NEW PASTOR WELCOMED BY HIS CONGREGATION

Fine Attendance at Reception  
for the Rev. and Mrs. C. S.  
Thomas at Mt. Prospect  
Presbyterian Church.

—1931

HICKORY, Jan. 1.—A reception tonight in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church for the Rev. C. S. Thomas, recently called to the pastorate of the church, and Mrs. Thomas, was attended by about 300 persons, the group including members of the church and other residents of the community, as well as visiting ministers.

In the receiving line were the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas and the latter's mother. After their welcome a program was given, which included greetings by former pastors and neighboring ministers. The Rev. R. E. Kauffmann, pastor of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, led in prayer. Mrs. Eli Wiggins sang a solo. Visiting ministers who brought greetings included the Rev. Paul W. Hazlett, of the Avella Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, former pastor of the church and now in charge of the Third Presbyterian Church of Washington; the Rev. R. E. Kauffmann, of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church; the Rev. J. Earl Hughes, of the Grove United Presbyterian Church at West Middletown; the Rev. Charles Stunkard, of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church; the Rev. G. U. Martin, of the Community Presbyterian Church at Langeloth; the Rev. Clair Berryhill and the Rev. Marshall Berryhill, both of Hickory and classmates of the Rev. Mr. Thomas in the senior class of Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. The speaking was interspersed by special music furnished by the chorus of the Women's Club of Hickory. The new pastor followed the greetings from other ministers with a fitting response.

At the conclusion of the program the women of the church served refreshments, and a social period was held.

# MATTHEW H. STEVENSON SUMMONED BY DEATH

Well Known Attorney and  
Alumnus of Washington and  
Jefferson College, Passes  
Away at Burgettstown.

Jan 2 1931

Attorney Matthew Harbison Stevenson, 71 years old, died in his home, 111 Center avenue, Burgettstown, yesterday morning, following a lingering illness. Mr. Stevenson was a son of the late Rev. Dr. Ross and Martha Ann Harbison. Stevenson and was born at New Florence, Westmoreland County, Dec. 19, 1859.

He was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with the class of 1883 and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity while in college. He read law under the late Judge J. A. McIlvaine and for a number of years practiced in Washington later removing to Pittsburgh where he practiced for 25 years.

He was united in marriage to Mary Alexander, who died October 4, 1930. He leaves five children: Ann Alexander, Linda Mary, Matthew Harbison, Henry Ross, and Malcolm Roderigh Graeme, all at home; a brother, Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Potts, of Burgettstown. The late Robert F. Stevenson, who died a few months ago, was a brother.

The body has been brought to the rooms of W. B. Ritchie, 106 South Main street, where funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, will have charge of the services. Interment will be in the Washington Cemetery.

# Former Burgettstown Woman Dies Saturday In Magee Hospital

1931

BURGETTSTOWN, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Ora Belle Nesbit Reese, 37 years old, wife of Dr. David Reese, died in the Magee Hospital at Pittsburgh Saturday morning, Jan. 17, 1931, at 8:50 o'clock, of complications.

Born in Burgettstown, she moved to Mt. Lebanon three years ago. She leaves her husband, a prominent Pittsburgh physician; a son, John Nesbit Reese, 6 years old; her mother, Mrs. Anna Nesbit, who made her home with Mrs. Reese; a brother, the Rev. Ed. Nesbit, of St. Louis. Her father, Dr. John Nesbit, was a well-known physician and a lifelong resident of Burgettstown.

Funeral services will be held in the home in Mt. Lebanon Monday at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Burgettstown.

# \$2,000 LOSS IN FIRE AT CROSS CREEK HOME

Frame Dwelling Occupied by  
Henry Goodwin Family Badly  
Damaged in Early Morning  
Blaze.

1931

CROSS CREEK, Jan. 8.—Fire which broke out shortly after midnight this morning, and which was not fully under control until 4:30 o'clock badly damaged the interior of the two-story frame dwelling in the eastern portion of the village, occupied by the family of Henry Goodwin, causing a loss which is estimated at nearly \$2,000.

Members of the family were in the house at the time, the fire resulting when a grate fire ignited woodwork near an overheated chimney. Much of the furniture and personal property was safely removed from the home.

The Burgettstown Fire Department was called to the scene and succeeded in confining the flames to the interior of the home, which was almost destroyed. Neighboring dwellings were also endangered for a time.

The property is owned by George Johnson, of Canonsburg.

# H. L. PEDICORD QUITS POSITION HICKORY SCHOOL

Resignation Comes as Surprise to Friends—In Charge of Vocational School for Past 14 Years.

# GOING TO WESTINGHOUSE

1931

HICKORY, Jan. 30.—H. L. Pedicord, for the past 14 years director of the Mt. Pleasant Vocational School here, tendered his resignation to the Board of Education last night, to accept a position in Westinghouse High School, Pittsburgh. Mr. Pedicord will enter upon his new duties next Tuesday, and the board has plans under advisement for the administration of the remaining four and one-half months of the school year.

During Mr. Pedicord's tenure of office, the high school enrollment increased from fewer than 50 to 200. In 1917, when he took charge, there were three grade teachers in Hickory, with seven one-room rural schools. There are now 300 children in the Hickory building, in

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# H. L. PEDICORD QUILTS POSITION AT HICKORY

(Continued from page 30)

addition to the 200 high school pupils. All the rural schools are now consolidated, and the township's total enrollment is 925.

Previous to coming to Hickory, Mr. Pedicord was for 10 years superintendent of Union District, Marshall County, West Virginia, where his record attracted the attention of the local board. A graduate of West Liberty State Teachers' College, West Liberty, W. Va., he holds the degree of Ph. B. from Bethany College, in the same State, and has taken graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

A member of the National Education Association since 1912, Prof. Pedicord holds the elementary superintendent's certificate in Pennsylvania, also the high school principal's, and the supervising principal's certificates. These are issued to holders of the college permanent certificate who have

completed 12 semester hours of graduate work in each of these fields.

The Hickory School was one of the first five Smith-Hughes Vocational Schools in the State, and has always been rated highly by the State Department of Public Instruction.

L. H. Dennis, of the State Department of Public Instruction, Bureau of Vocational Education, has called particular attention to the work done in the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School since it was founded in 1915.

The resignation came as a complete surprise to the Board of Education, the faculty, and the public, and is regarded as a promotion for the local educator, and also as a distinct loss to school work in Mt. Pleasant Township as a whole. Mr. Pedicord and his family will continue to live in their home here.

At the time of Mr. Pedicord's election in 1917 the Board of Education consisted of Robert R. Hays, now of Washington; A. R. White, Washington R. D. 3; W. F. Caldwell, J. M. Caldwell, and W. A. Carlisle, of Hickory. The present members are Ben Davis, Southview, president; W. C. Moore, vice president; J. C. Farrar, McDonald R. D. 4, secretary; D. C. Miller, treasurer, and Dr. D. L. McCarrell, member.

# VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE IS STRESSED AS NEED

## Schoolmen's Club, Meeting at Hickory, Hears Dr. Walter B. Jones in Strong Lecture on Educational Trends.

1931

HICKORY, Jan. 30.—Need of student guidance from the seventh grade upward was stressed by Dr. Walter B. Jones, of the department of systematic research and higher education of the University of Pittsburgh, in addressing the Washington County Schoolmen's Club tonight. The club met in Hickory Vocational High School, at the invitation of Director H. L. Pedicord.

Thirty members of the club were present, and were served dinner as guests of the Home Economics Department of the school. Dr. S. S. Baker, president of Washington & Jefferson College and also president of the club, presided, and announced that the next meeting would be in Washington in February, in conjunction with Washington County Education Association meeting. The faculty of Washington & Jefferson College will arrange the program.

Dr. Jones discussing "Trends in Education", pointed out a wide variation in results obtained in Pennsylvania colleges as shown by comprehensive tests of intelligence and progress in different studies by means of charts. He showed a definite need for vocational guidance for all pupils above the seventh grade. "Too few students progress steadily in the line of a life purpose," he said. He illustrated his lecture with slides touching on the work in elementary schools and colleges.

# Samuel Thorley, Aged 79, Who Died Recently, Was Widely Known

1931

ELDERSVILLE, Feb. 10.—Samuel Thorley, aged 79 years, one of the most highly respected citizens of Jefferson Township, passed away at his home on the farm in the Melvin district, where he lived with his brother, John, and niece, Miss Lola Thorley, after a lingering illness.

Although in failing health for some time, his condition did not become serious until influenza developed a few weeks ago.

Mr. Thorley never married. He was the son of David and Ann Melvin Thorley, and was born in Brooke County, W. Va., Oct. 11, 1851, and died Feb. 4, 1931. His parents moved to the farm in this township when he was a small boy, where he spent most of his life. The deceased was an honorable and kindly man, esteemed by all who knew him. He was a man of considerable mechanical genius.

His father was a fine cabinet-maker, and an undertaker of the old school, serving a wide community. He never made a coffin until notified of the death, such things as ready-made coffins being then unknown. Some fine old bedsteads still testify his handiwork. He repaired and even made violins. He rendered service as a veterinary and thus was a useful man in the community.

Surviving are two brothers, John at home, and Albert, of Dormont, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock, Friday, by the Rev. Harry Peterson, of Eldersville. Interment was in Bethel cemetery. Mr. Thorley was in early life a member of the Wesleyan Church of this place.

# GOLDEN EAGLE KILLED RECENTLY IN THIS COUNTY

Huge Bird Had Attacked  
Hunting Dog on Farm in  
Jefferson Township and  
Was Shot by Farmer.

RARE IN THIS SECTION  
Feb 16-1931

For the first time in a number of years a well authenticated visit of a golden eagle to Washington County has been recorded. While golden eagles in this section of Pennsylvania are not unknown they are of rare occurrence, at least authentic records are rare. On January 23, last, Frank Pollock, a farmer living in Jefferson Township, on Avella R. D. 2, shot and killed a two-year-old specimen of the golden eagle, not knowing that eagles are among the protected birds in Pennsylvania.

Game Protector Joseph Kennedy learned of the killing, and made an investigation, finding that it was true, and he secured the skin of the bird, which he brought to Washington. The killing of an eagle in Pennsylvania carries a fine of \$10.

Mr. Pollock stated that his dog started after a rabbit which ran under a brush pile, and that just as it disappeared in the brush the eagle swooped down and attacked the dog. He went to his house, secured his gun, and shot it. It was a large bird with a spread of more than six feet and with powerful legs and talons. The Pollock farm is near the Penobscot mine, not far from the West Virginia state line.

Neither the golden nor the bald eagle can be called a frequent visitor to Washington County. The last authentic record of a bald eagle seen in this section was three or four years ago when a Mr. Heiner killed one on his farm on Chestnut Ridge, Amwell Township, about eight miles southeast of Washington. Mr. Heiner stated that this huge bird was attacking a lamb when he shot it.

In pioneer times eagles of both species were native to this county, and as late as the sixties and seventies they were frequently seen and killed in this section, according to news items in old files of The Reporter, and other newspapers published here at that time. However, as the population of the county increased and the woodland was cut off they gradually became scarcer and scarcer until one was seen only occasionally as a visitor. Long ago they retreated to the wild mountain sections of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and it is only during the winter when the heavy snow in the mountains makes their food scarce that they venture down into the lower country.

The red-tailed and Cooper hawks and the great horned owl may now be classed as almost as rare in this County as the eagle; but 25 and 30 years ago, any number of the great red-tailed hawks could be seen soaring within a short distance of town. Almost every woods was the home of a pair, and in the extensive timber tract in the vicinity of the dams of the Citizens Water Company there were always a number to be found. Now it is a rare thing to see one, even in the more remote sections of the County.

The huge great horned owl has been almost exterminated in this County, although 30 years ago the writer knew of at least a dozen pairs that made their homes in woodland stretches within a radius of five miles of Washington. Game Protector Kennedy reports that it has been several years since he has had a record of any great bird of prey in this County.

## LINCOLN NATIONAL, AT AVELLA, CLOSES DOORS

Action Is Taken by Directors  
to Protect Interests of Depositors and Stockholders  
of Institution.

—1931

AVELLA, Feb. 26.—Following a resolution passed by the board of directors of the Lincoln National Bank at Avella last night, the bank did not open for business this morning.

Frozen assets and a desire to conserve for the benefit of the depositors, prompted the action of the board. Today the affairs of the institution were turned over to the National Banking Department.

The news came as a surprise to the residents of this community, but those in close touch with the bank's affairs feel the suspension is only temporary and are hopeful there will be no loss to either the depositors or stockholders.

## COMMUNISM IS DISCUSSED BY S. A. R. CHAPTER

Bill to Appropriate \$25,000  
for Restoration of Fort Ne-  
cessity Is, Also, Given En-  
dorsement.

Feb 22 1931

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Communism in the United States was the chief topic of the speakers at the annual dinner and election of officers of George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, held at the Y. W. C. A. last night. It was one of the best attended and most enthusiastic meetings held by the local chapter for a long period. All of the present officers were reelected for the ensuing year as follows: President, S. Murray Pollock; first vice president, J. Kenneth Hill; second vice president, William C. Gibson; third vice president, George A. Kelso; fourth vice president, Rev. William F. McKee; secretary, S. B. Braden; treasurer, Robert G. Dickson; registrar, John M. White; chaplain, Rev. C. T. Littell; historian, J. Winfield Reed; custodian of the flag, J. Harold Chapman.

No formal program had been arranged, but the president called upon various members to speak on communism in the United States and its activities in Washington County, and some very interesting facts were brought out.

Among other matters of interest discussed was the bill pending in the legislature to appropriate \$25,000 for the state to purchase the site of Fort Necessity, on the National Pike, east of Uniontown. The chapter went on record as endorsing this bill.

It was reported that if the state buys this site patriotic societies of Fayette County have arranged to build a replica of the original fort erected by Washington.



# Their Last Hope Gone



Governor Gifford Pinchot yesterday refused a stay of execution to Irene Schroeder, blonde gunwoman, and her lover, Glenn Dague, after the Board of Pardons had refused commutation of the death sentence scheduled for Feb. 23.

The two were convicted of the slaying of Brady Paul, State Highway Patrolman, in 1929. Above is a sketch of the woman who is doomed to be the first of her sex to be electrocuted in Pennsylvania, with the electric chair, her six-year-old son, Donnie, and Dague.

*Feb 23, 1931*

## W. J. BROWN, OF AVELLA, ATTAINS 91ST BIRTHDAY

Aged Citizen of Western Washington County Prominently Identified With Its Development.

### SCHOOL PLAY TONIGHT

AVELLA, March 24. — W. J. Brown, one of the first settlers of Avella, celebrated his ninety-first birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alice Stunkard. Mr. Brown was born March 24, 1840, at Rea. His family and friends offered their congratulations, after which a dinner was served to the following members of the family, by Mrs. Alice Stunkard: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood and Billy Crawford, of Crafton; Miss Anna Irwin, of Sheraden; Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Kissel, of Follansbee; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Marsh, of Steubenville; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Crawford and daughter, Mrs. Bud George, of Wheeling; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Irwin, Mrs. L. M. Irwin, and Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Avella. During his active years, Mr. Brown was one of the district's foremost citizens, being identified with many of its major developments.

*Mr. Brown died at Avella on Sept. 4, 1931*

# WILL ORDAIN PASTOR AT HICKORY TOMORROW

Adjourned Meeting of Wash-  
ington Presbytery to Install  
Rev. C. S. Thomas at Mt.  
Prospect Church

HICKORY, March 25.—Rev. C. S. Thomas, who for the past three months has been acting pastor at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church here, will be formally ordained and installed as pastor to the congregation at an adjourned meeting of the Washington Presbytery Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. O. S. Fowler, of Claysville, will preside. Rev. J. S. Morledge, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, of Washington, predecessor to the Rev. Thomas at Mt. Prospect, will charge the people. Rev. G. K. Monroe, of West Alexander, will charge the pastor.

Rev. William Owen, of Greensburg, will deliver the sermon. Rev. P. H. Hazlett, of Avella, will deliver the ordination prayer.

Rev. Thomas will graduate from the Western Theological Seminary in May. He is a native of New Jersey and completed his college work at Gettysburg College. For the past several weeks he and his family have made their home in the parsonage at Hickory.

The Mt. Prospect Presbyterian congregation, numbering 450, is one of the largest and most thriving rural congregations in northern Washington County.

# PASTOR ORDAINED AND INSTALLED AT HICKORY

Rev. C. S. Thomas Formally  
Placed in Charge of Mt.  
Prospect Presbyterian  
Church—Many Present.

HICKORY, March 27.—In the presence of nearly 300 members of his congregation, the Rev. C. S. Thomas was ordained and formally installed as pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church tonight, at an adjourned meeting of the Washington Presbytery held in the church.

The Rev. O. S. Fowler, moderator of the presbytery, presided; the Rev. C. L. McKee, stated clerk of the presbytery, was secretary, and the Rev. R. E. Kaufmann, of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, made the opening prayer.

The customary questions were propounded by Dr. J. B. Miller, of Old Concord.

The Rev. William Owen, of Greensburg, preached, his sermon being a thoughtful discourse on prayer. Following the ordination prayer, by the Rev. P. H. Hazlett, of Avella, there was the laying on of hands by the ministers present, including the Rev. Mr. Owen and the Rev. Charles Stunkard, of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, who were elected corresponding members of the presbytery that they might assist in the ceremony.

The Rev. G. K. Monroe, of West Alexander, charged the pastor, in a series of common sense suggestions. The congregation was charged by the Rev. J. S. Morledge, of the Third Presbyterian Church, Washington, who addressed his former congregation and spoke of their faithfulness in past years.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Thomas.

Following the service the new minister and his wife received the congratulations of the members of his congregation and visitors.

Eldersville  
March 1931

The house on what is known as the Magee farm, near here, which was destroyed by fire recently, was one of the oldest houses in the township. The newer part was likely one hundred years old, while the kitchen with a stairway built of heavy logs, may have been erected anywhere from 140 to a century and a half ago.

The farm was given by Squire Robert McCready, a Revolutionary patriot, as a legacy to his daughter, Mrs. Robert Smith, the Smiths probably building the house. The farm is now owned by Dr. S. L. McCollough, of Carnegie, who purchased it from the late Francis Magee.

Robert Kidd is quite ill. Joseph Price and family have moved into the house of C. W. Scott.

Clarence Boles, who for some time was an employe of the Hub store in Steubenville, has for several weeks been at home here on account of illness.

Miss Lillie Wirt returned Saturday from a visit with her cousins in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hingely and son made a flying trip here on Saturday from Pittsburgh with Miss Elizabeth McCarrell.

Work on the new house of Walter Gardner is progressing. Mr. Gardner has temporarily moved into the J. T. Campbell house. A party which was well attended was given by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner before they moved.

R. A. Stewart and son, Paul, family were callers at Florence with the former's only living aunt, Mrs. Stroud, who is well advanced in years.

The house of Joseph Wagner, of this village, caught fire from some paper near a stove, on Tuesday, which created some excitement but did little damage.

J. S. Rylands Sutton, as she was best known, one of the older residents of Colliers, W. Va., passed away on Friday morning. The Rylands family has long been prominent in this vicinity. The old homestead at Colliers Station, with its picturesque and historic old mill, is one of the points of interest along the Panhandle railroad. Surviving are two sisters.

## VINCENT W. M'PEAK IS DEAD AT HICKORY

Widely Known Business Man  
Passes Away After Illness  
of Pneumonia — Funeral  
Tomorrow Afternoon.

HICKORY, April 7.—Vincent W. McPeak, for 20 years identified with the grocery business in Hickory, and widely known for his integrity and efficiency, passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPeak, of this place, shortly after 11 o'clock Monday night. He had been ill less than a week, pneumonia causing his death.

Mr. McPeak was born May 28, 1890, in the house where his death occurred. After attending the local schools he enrolled in Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh, from which institution he was graduated in 1908. The grocery business became his life work. For a time he was in partnership with Dr. W. M. Carlisle in the operation of a store here.

"Vince," as he was familiarly called, was one of the popular young men of the community, and his loss will be felt by many whose respect and friendship he had won. Mr. McPeak was a member of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, joining that congregation during the ministry of the Rev. James Miller.

Besides his parents, there survive one brother, Walter McPeak, of the Washington road, and three sisters, Mrs. John H. McDowell, of near Hickory; Mrs. Clifford H. McNary, of Brightwood, and Mrs. George Strause, of North Star, Mich.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. C. S. Thomas, assisted by the Rev. Charles Stunkard, of the United Presbyterian Church. Private interment will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, in Hickory.

## GEO. G. PAXTON IS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Chartiers Township Man Was  
Nationally Prominent as  
Livestock Breeder — Active  
in Public Affairs.

FUNERAL ON TUESDAY

*Apr 27, 1931*

George G. Paxton, a life-long resident of Chartiers Township, Washington County, died at his home on Saturday, April 25, aged 65 years, after an illness covering a period of more than six years.

Mr. Paxton, a son of the late John G. and Anna Knox Miller Paxton of Chartiers Township, was born March 2, 1866. He was for many years a prominent live stock breeder and farmer, being especially interested in purebred Holstein-Friesian cattle and National Delaine Merino sheep. His activities as a breeder started in 1892 and since that time Mr. Paxton had bred a number of animals which were winners at some of the leading live stock shows of the East. He was always interested in constructive breeding and his knowledge of fine animals gained for him a reputation as an authority. For two years he served as judge of fine wool sheep at the New York State Fair. He was a director in the Washington County Fair Association and served as superintendent of the cattle department at that fair for a number of years. He was appointed by Governor Brumbaugh in 1918 to the State Agricultural Commission and at the time of the draft during the World War was appointed as agricultural advisor on the Exemption Board.

In Community affairs, also, Mr. Paxton took a very active part. From 1905, until his health failed he served on the Chartiers Township School Board in which office he always stood for efficiency and economy in administration. For a number of years he was one of the township auditors.

Mr. Paxton was a charter member of the Houston United Presbyterian Church. At various times he held the several offices of superintendent of Sunday School, congregational treasurer, member of board of trustees and member of session. At the time of his death he was a ruling elder in this church.

On Jan. 20, 1892, Mr. Paxton was united in marriage to Mary E. McNary, of Chartiers Township, by whom he is survived along with the following children: J. Clarence of Chartiers Township; Martha A. Wright, of Cambridge, N. Y.; Geo. R., of State College; Gail and Robert at home and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m., E. S. T., Tuesday, April 28, at the Houston United Presbyterian Church.

## CONGREGATIONS OF CHURCHES AT HICKORY MEET

Mt. Prospect Raises Salary of  
Newly Elected Pastor—Mt.  
Pleasant Is Without Pastor,  
Due to Recent Resignation.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

HICKORY, April 9.—The annual congregational meeting of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, held at the church last night, revealed all departments in a flourishing condition, and a spirit of optimism prevailed. Rev. C. S. Thomas, recently ordained and installed as pastor, was given an increase of \$300 in salary, to \$2,300 a year and parsonage.

B. A. Emery was elected to the board of trustees, the other members being V. M. Paul, Alvin Stewart, W. K. Allison, Walter Campbell, and Oliver Robinson.

Mt. Prospect Church, which is one of the strongest rural congregations in this section of the county, maintains an improved and modernized house of worship, and has 450 members. The session is composed of J. P. White, J. P. McCarrell, James A. McGugin, R. S. Rankin, J. A. Cooper, J. B. Manson, A. D. White, and A. D. McCarrell.

The officers of the congregation are: J. B. Manson, president; A. R. White, vice president; Donald Lyle, secretary; W. Ralph Simpson, treasurer; R. S. Rankin, financial secretary. Auditors: R. W. Simpson, D. F. Miller, and S. E. Miller. Clare White is superintendent of the Sunday School, and Mary Bell, secretary and treasurer. H. S. Buchanan is choir director, and J. N. Beaumariage, pianist.

#### Mt. Pleasant Church

The Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterians held their annual meeting last night also, routine business receiving attention. There has recently been a gratifying response to a drive for current expense money. Various speakers expressed their interest in a church which runs back 136 years, and a year of progress was predicted.

The Mt. Pleasant congregation is faced with the problem of securing a new minister. Rev. Charles Stunkard, pastor for 21½ years having accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Fredonia, to which congregation he is now ministering.

Interest last night centered in the election of trustees. O. B. Shillito being the only regular member whose term did not expire. W. H. Glass and M. K. Cowden were elected for three years. Dr. E. B. Swartz to serve with Mr. Shillito for two years, and F. A. McCarrell and John C. Brown for one year.

H. L. Pedicord was reelected president of the congregation; Mrs. R. G. Farrar, secretary; H. W. Denny, treasurer, and Raymond Acheson, financial secretary. J. E. Leech was appointed to the board of auditors, to serve with W. R. Rankin and H. E. Swartz. J. P. Giffen is superintendent of the Sunday School; R. B. Retzer, secretary, and B. H. Colwes, treasurer. Miss Della Colwes is organist and choir leader.

### Mrs. Mary De Phillips, Respected Woman of Hickory, Passes Away 1931

HICKORY, April 26.—Mrs. Mary dePhillips, highly respected resident of Hickory, died in her home here this morning at 8 o'clock. Her death followed an illness of two months. She had been seriously ill for the past week.

Mrs. dePhillips was born in Italy, coming to the United States 17 years ago to make her home with her sons. She leaves the following children: Louis and Antonio dePhillips, of Hickory; Joseph dePhillips, of Pittsburgh; Eugene dePhillips, of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Josephine Dire, of Italy. There are several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Burgettstown Roman Catholic Church. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

## MRS. J. B. WILSON IS DEAD AT HOME NEAR REA

Aged Woman Passes Away  
This Morning at 1 O'Clock  
— Funeral Arrangements  
Have Not Been Made.

*Apr 28, 1931*

Mrs. Jane Manchester Wilson, widow of J. B. Wilson, died in her home at Rea this morning at 1 o'clock. She was born on the Manchester homestead, near Avella, in October, 1852, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Asa Manchester.

Mrs. Wilson leaves one son, Lee M. Wilson, at home. There are two grandchildren, James C. Wilson and Anne J. Wilson, also at home.

Four sisters survive: Miss Francisca Manchester, Miss Cora Manchester and Miss Alice Manchester, all of the Manchester homestead, near Avella, and Mrs. Mary M. Perrin, of Independence.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

#### School Activities

The High School boys have developed quite a baseball team, a win over Finley, of Imperial here on Friday by a score of 7 to 5 giving them the lead in their group. Much interest is developing in the contest with Avella slated for Friday, May 8.

Examinations for entrance into high school were held Monday. The results have not as yet been made public. The term grade and examination mark are counted as of equal value in making the final rating.

On Tuesday the seventh and eighth grades took a bus trip to Pittsburgh to inspect the Carnegie Museum. The pupils showed appreciation of the tour, which was in charge of three teachers, Miss Orella Acheson, Miss Flora Carlisle and Miss Bertha Wilson.

The grade school closes Thursday with the annual picnic lunch, which will be served in the gymnasium.

The Seniors find themselves financially embarrassed by the closing of the bank here. Funds for their Washington, D. C., trip are inaccessible. The Juniors are embarrassed in regard to the usual banquet given to the out-going class. Only the appearance of a Santa Claus, or a show of ingenuity can make these events possible.

"The Cat and the Canary," is the humorous and suggestive title of the Seniors' commencement play, which is a study of the effects of a strange will, which 20 years after the death of the maker, settles all the money upon a girl who must not show anything unbalanced in her behaviour. All other possible beneficiaries try their best to drive the girl insane.

#### Church Services

Rev. Mr. Regester, of the Western Seminary, occupied the pulpit of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church last Sunday, the pastor, Rev. C. S. Thomas being absent on account of graduation activities. Mr. Thomas will preach next Sunday morning. Early next week Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will make a short visit to relatives in Cumberland, Md.

Rev. W. W. Orr, graduating this year from the Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, preached Sunday morning at the United Presbyterian Church. He has accepted a call to Beaver Falls.

Rev. R. M. French, also of the Senior class, has been engaged to preach morning and evening at the U. P. Church next Sunday. Mr. French, a son of Rev. William French, of the College Hill Church, Beaver Falls, is a brother of Rev. R. H. French, heard in this pulpit on April 5, and who is now locating at Clifton, Ohio.

#### Personal Mention

Rev. J. M. McMains, of New Wilmington, and Rev. Paul E. Ferguson, of Sardinia, O., were callers here Tuesday.

R. M. Allison, of Avella, visited his mother, Mrs. Martha Allison, today.

B. F. Dinsmore is recovering from a brief illness.

J. W. Caldwell, of Pittsburgh, who recently underwent a successful operation at a Boston hospital, is recuperating at the home of his father, W. F. Caldwell, of McDonald R. D. 4.

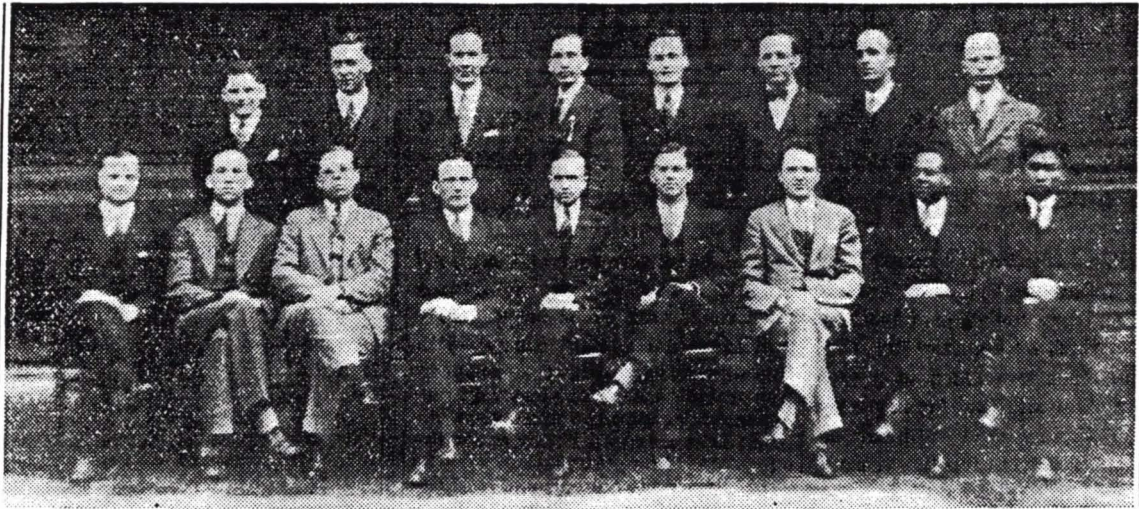
John K. McCarrell, a student at Wooster College, spent the weekend with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell.

Betty Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holland, is a patient in the Washington Hospital.

John C. Brown and M. K. Cowden, of this place, and Robert Hoops, of New Salem, visited Mr. Brown's brother, Robert Brown, at

*May 6, 1931*

# Western Theological Seminary Graduating Class



One hundred and first commencement exercises for the Western Theological Seminary will be held tonight in the First Presbyterian Church, Sixth avenue, downtown. Rev. Dr. James A. Kelso, president, will award diplomas and degrees, and Rev. Dr. Alexander MacColl, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, will speak.

Seventeen members of the graduating class are shown above. Standing from left to right are Cornelius Sexton Thomas of Hickory, Pa.; James Enfield Leaman of Canton, O.; Raymond David Walter of Mamont, Pa.; Bela Pap of Budapest, Hungary; Charles Clair Berryhill of Hickory, Pa.; Robert K. Fogal of Northside;

Demeter Stoyanoff of Kritchinn, Bulgaria; Dalton William Davis of Vintondale, Pa.

Seated, left to right, are Lewis Alfred Westphal of Pittsburgh; John Charles Doudna of Washington, Pa.; M. Rudolph Miller of Wilkinsburg; William Thomas Swain, Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn.; John Edward Jackson of Brentwood; Arthur C. Walter of Mamont, Pa.; K. Logan Barnes of Wilkinsburg; Harold Randolph Tolliver of Pittsburgh; Chai Choon Kim of Korea.

Four others who receive degrees are Marshall Denny Berryhill of Hickory, Pa.; Edward Clair Good of Leechburg, Pa.; Ross M. Haverfield of Mahoningtown, Pa., and Linus Johnson of Stromsburg, Neb.

## MRS. NEWCOMER DIES OF HURTS IN AUTO CRASH

*Waco 5-7-11-27*  
Injuries Sustained When Car Hit By Another Machine Left Road Prove Fatal—Her Husband Still in Hospital.

1927  
ACCIDENT JULY FOURTH

*July 11 1927*  
Mrs. Hettie B. Richie Newcomer, wife of Thomas Sessler Newcomer, died Saturday morning, July 9, at 1:40 o'clock eastern standard time, at her home, 141 Jefferson avenue, at the age of 67 years. Mrs. Newcomer was born in Fayette county, near Uniontown, February 17 1860, and married Thomas Sessler Newcomer October 30, 1879.

Her death was the result of an accident to the Newcomer automobile on the Pittsburgh pike, near Meadowlands July 4. Both Mrs. and Mrs. Newcomer and their granddaughter, Josephine Lawton, were in the automobile when it was struck on the fender by a car attempting to pass it on the road. Mr. Newcomer was driving and lost control, his car swerving off the road. The machine crashed through a fence and into a tree. Witnesses of the accident rushed to the scene and gave aid, carrying the three occupants into a nearby house. The driver of the other car also stopped and rendered all possible assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer were taken to the Washington hospital, where their injuries were at once treated. Miss Lawton received only minor injuries.

Mr. Newcomer is in the Washington hospital at present, suffering from a fractured knee-cap and chest injuries. Mrs. Newcomer suffered from lacerations of the face and her body was badly bruised. She was taken to the hospital but later removed to her home. Her condition was not considered serious until she lapsed into a condition of profound shock, from which she never rallied.

Mrs. Newcomer was a daughter of William R. Richey and Elanor Scott Richey, and at the time of her death was a member of the Central Presbyterian church in which she was very active.

She leaves her husband and the following sons and daughters: Joseph W. and Lloyd H., of Wheeling, W. Va.; Ada M., wife of Dr. A. O. Hindman; and Mable P., wife of E. C. Caldwell, both of Burgettstown; and L. Marie, wife of J. Orr Lawton, of Hickory. Ten grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held in the family residence Tuesday, July 12, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Uniontown cemetery.

# MORTGAGE FOR \$100,000,000 IS FILED HERE

Independence Township Coal Lands Involved in Funding Arrangements of National Steel Corporation.

## MUCH INTEREST AROUSED

*May 7, 1931*  
Much interest yesterday was displayed in Washington's business and legal circles because of the placing on record here of one of the largest mortgages ever recorded in the Washington County Court House. The mortgage is for the sum of \$100,000,000, given by the National Steel Corporation to the City Bank Farmers Trust Company, of 22 Williams street, New York City. It is a 190-page document, printed in book form.

The mortgage is known as a first collateral mortgage sinking fund gold bond mortgage, providing for the issue of 25-year five percent gold bonds not to exceed \$100,000,000, due April 1, 1956. The mortgage is further secured by coal lands in Independence Township, Washington County, and in Luzerne Township, Fayette County.

Coal lands in this county involved in the mortgage includes three tracts. One is a tract formerly conveyed by the Beall Coal & Realty Company to the Phillips Sheet & Tin Plate Company, containing 169.70 acres; the second is a tract of 68.60 acres conveyed by David B. Mulholland to the Phillips Sheet & Tin Plate Company; and the third, of 18.90 acres, was conveyed by the Bellview Camp Meeting Association to the Weirton Steel Company. All three were conveyed by the Weirton Steel Company December 31, 1929, to the National Steel Corporation, which grants the mortgage now filed. The Fayette County coal tracts total in the neighborhood of 1,000 acres.

The mortgage, dated as of April 1, was executed April 28.

Excitement was added to the interest because of speculation as to whether the mortgage, plainly for the purpose of funding operations of the National Steel Corporation, was intended to provide funds for purchase of the Freeport coal of this county, nearly 300,000 acres of which are known to be under option. It is understood that the National Steel Corporation is a holding company.

# OLDEST AVELLA COUPLE OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown Were Married 53 Years Ago at Parsonage of Old Patterson Mills Church.

## TOWNSHIP ROADS WORKED

*1931*  
AVELLA, May 20.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Avella, observed their fifty-third wedding anniversary Saturday, May 16. Saturday was also Mrs. Brown's seventy-sixth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married at the parsonage of the old Patterson Mills Church by the Rev. J. A. Myers. They were accompanied by Miss Anna Allen and S. S. Campbell. After the marriage ceremony they drove in a two-horse carriage to Wellsburg, W. Va., where they spent their honeymoon with friends. They returned in a week's time to the old Brown homestead, in what is now called Browntown.

Mr. Brown was 80 years old on Jan. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the oldest married couple in Avella. Five children were born to this union, of whom three are living. They are Mrs. Jessie Vance, Mrs. Sara Mae McGinnis, and Clyde Brown.

*Mrs. J. R. Brown died May 27, 1933. aged 82 years*

*Wm. J. Brown died on Sept. 4, 1931 aged 92 years.*

# MRS. J. M. MALONE, OF HICKORY, PASSES AWAY

Death Claims Well Known Woman After Long Illness —Funeral Services Will Be Held Wednesday.

*1931*  
HICKORY, June 22—Mrs. Rachel Agnes Malone, wife of J. M. Malone, died this morning at 9:45 o'clock here after a long period of declining health, during which she had been a patient sufferer. Her condition had been critical since March 7. Death was due to complications.

Mrs. Malone, who was a daughter of John and Rachel Sleeth, was born Feb. 1, 1871, in Bulger. Her marriage was solemnized Sept. 26, 1900. Mrs. Malone was a lifelong member of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church and was faithful in attendance as long as her health permitted.

Besides her husband, three daughters survive, all living in Hickory: Miss Ethel, at home; Mrs. David F. Miller, and Mrs. D. M. McCalmont. Miss Margaret Sleeth, McDonald, R. D., is a sister. She leaves three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., Standard Time, in the United Presbyterian Church here, conducted by Rev. C. S. Thomas, of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. J. Briceland, of Sharon. Interment will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

# Independence Township Man Hale, Active at 90

James Buxton, Who Has Witnessed Many Changes During Long Span of Life, Hopes to Attain Century Mark.

RETAINS ALL FACULTIES  
1931

INDEPENDENCE, June 12.—Having the distinction of being the oldest citizen of Independence Township and perhaps in this section of the county and still retaining his good health and faculties, James Buxton, of this place, today celebrated the 90th anniversary of his birth. Despite his years Mr. Buxton is as active as many persons are at 50 and yesterday attended the sale on the Alden Miller farm and enjoyed seeing the fast horses which were offered on the auction block. He enjoys life to the fullest extent and hopes to live to round out a century.

Mr. Buxton, a son of the late Amos and Mary Ann Buckey Buxton, was born June 12, 1841, in Erooke County, W. Va., just west of the place where he has spent the greater part of his life. At the age of nine years his parents came across the line into Pennsylvania and since that time he has been a resident of Independence Township, with the exception of one year. He received his early education in the Franklin, Scotts Run and Miller Schools.

On January 2, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Eleanor Noah, the wedding being solemnized in the home of a sister-in-law, Rebecca Kline, who resided near the present Franklin community school. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Hudson, who was one of the early circuit riders of the M. E. Church of this community. Mr. Buxton was one of a family of seven children, four boys and three girls and he is the last living member of his family.

Following their marriage, Mr.



JAMES BUXTON

and Mrs. Buxton moved to their farm near the waters of Cross Creek, two miles north of this place, where they resided for many years and followed farming. Mrs. Buxton's death occurred a number of years ago and since then Mr. Buxton has resided in the village. He has two sons living here. He still wants to care for himself and lives alone, doing all of his own housework, cooking, baking pies, canning fruits, making jelly and in fact anything that is to be done about a well regulated home. He takes care of his garden, fruit, lawn, poultry and enjoys the work.

Mr. Buxton has been a resident of this township for 81 years and in that time has spent but very few days in bed as the result of illness. For more than 50 years he has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Despite his years his mind is clear and he takes a great interest in all current events, reads his daily newspaper, enjoys the good roads of today, electric lights, radio and other modern inventions that were not dreamed of during his boyhood days.

Mr. Buxton today contrasted the improved roads leading through the village with the roads of years ago. He related seeing cattle driven through this section to the Pittsburgh markets with as high as 500 in a drove. He also told of seeing large droves of hogs and sheep. Talking of the early days, Mr. Buxton told of attending the first service at the Bellview Campmeeting grounds more than 50 years ago when the Rev. Thomas Hudson preached from the 35th chapter of Isaiah, verses nine and 10. The sermon was long, but Mr. Buxton still quotes the text as readily as the preacher of that day read it.

The life of Mr. Buxton has been peaceful and quiet and he has always gone about his business without any of the excitement or hurry of the present day. About 40 years ago he served on the jury at the county seat, which is one of the outstanding events in his life.

When the Wabash railroad was built through this section Mr. Buxton resided on his farm just near the Twin tunnel and he recalls the interest and incidents that attended the construction of the railroad.

His sons residing in the village are George W. Buxton and John C. Buxton, who helped Mr. Buxton celebrate the 90th anniversary of his birth today.

## REV. C. G. JORDAN IS SPEAKER AT HICKORY SCHOOL

Former State Secretary of  
Agriculture Delivers Bacca-  
laureate Sermon — Class  
Night Tonight.

### SENIOR PLAY WEDNESDAY — 1931

HICKORY, May 31.—The Rev. Charles G. Jordan, former State Secretary of Agriculture, delivered an interesting and instructive sermon to the 25 members of the graduating class of the Mt. Pleasant Vocational High School at baccalaureate services in the auditorium of the school here tonight.

Rev. Jordan chose for his text 1 Corinthians, 2-2. "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

The speaker emphasized the manliness of Jesus and the power of the gospel to solve individual and social problems. His address was inspiring and deeply impressed members of the class and the large audience, alike.

Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, pronounced the invocation and read the scripture. Mrs. J. S. Morledge, of Washington, sang several solos.

Class night exercises will be held in the school Monday night at 8 o'clock. The Senior play, "The Cat and the Canary," will be presented in the school auditorium Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Commencement exercises will be held in the school Friday night at 8 o'clock with Dr. C. A. Voss, of Pittsburgh, delivering the address.

The annual May day pageant was presented on a spacious lawn, adjoining the school, here, Friday evening. Ideal weather prevailed for the fun frolic and festivities. Gay, bright costumes, in accord with the "Mother Goose" program were especially pleasing and colorful.

The feature of the program was the crowning of Miss Viola Phillips as Queen of May. Billy Swartz was crown bearer. The scene was exceedingly interesting.

May Day exercises are an annual event at the Mt. Pleasant Township school. The pleasing activities were witnessed by a large audience.

## POMONA GRANGE MEETS JUNE 2 AT CLAYSVILLE

Interesting All-Day Program  
Planned for Quarterly Meet-  
ing of Washington County  
Association.

### June 1, 1931 "YOUTH TO BE THEME"

The quarterly meeting of Washington County Pomona Grange No. 16 will be held in the Claysville High School auditorium on Tuesday, June 2. The program theme has been designated as "Our Youth of Today."

All sessions will be held on Eastern Standard Time. The morning session, beginning at 10 o'clock, will open with the Grange in the fifth degree. Following a short business session the Grange will drop back to the fourth degree.

Wylie Crothers, of Claysville, will make the address of welcome, and the response will be given by Adrah Morris, of West Pike Run. Following routine business lunch will be served by the Ladies' Aid of the Claysville Methodist Church.

During the afternoon session, which will begin at 1:15 o'clock, the following program will be presented:

Music, Pomona Grange Orchestra.

Song, "Onward Grangers," by assembly.

Memorial service, in charge of Buffalo Grange, assisted by worthy chaplain.

Solo, Marian McNary, North Strabane.

"The Successful Boy of Today," Herbert Lindley, Prosperity.

"The Successful Girl of Today," Ruth Pettibon, Jefferson Grange.

Song, "Four Little Maids at Tea," sung by four little girls from four different Granges.

Pageant, "A Child's Day," Claysville Grange.

Dinner served at Methodist Church.

The evening session, which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock, will be concluded with conferring of the fifth degree to candidates. The following program is planned:

Music, Pomona Grange Orchestra.

Irish song and dance, girls from Davis and North Strabane.

Instrumental music, Fallowfield Grange.

Address, "The Grange Appeal to Rural Youth," Joseph C. Fichter, lecturer of Ohio State Grange.

Music, Pomona Grange Orchestra.

## PUBLIC SALE OF 35 HEAD STANDARD BRED HORSES

AT BANCROFT STOCK FARM,  
AVELLA, PA.

12 miles east of Steubenville, O.;  
10 miles south of Burgettstown, 20  
miles west of Washington, 35  
miles south of Pittsburgh.

### THURSDAY

## JUNE 11, 1931

Sale Starts Promptly at 10 O'clock,  
A. M., Eastern Standard Time,  
Rain or Shine.

### FAST TROTTING AND PACING HORSES AND COLTS

In training ready to show.

Including the sensational two-year-old trotter, Tom Brownwood, the fastest trotter of his age in Western Pennsylvania.

Brood Mares, Colts and Fillies and several good Saddle Horses. These horses have the best blood lines in the world, Guy Axworthy, 2:08½; Belwin, 2:06¼; Main Sheet, 2:05; Peter the Great, 2:07¼. Several sensational Colts and Fillies, including five 2-year-olds by Directum I, 1:56¾, holder of eight world records.

TERMS: A credit of six months will be given by purchaser giving note with approved security, 3% off for cash.

ALDEN MILLER, Owner,  
Avella, Pa.

George A. Bain, Auctioneer,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Note: Refreshments will be sold by the Friendship Circle of the Presbyterian Church, Independence, Pa. 12943-44-45-47-48



June 15 1931  
Carter Bell

A pretty wedding of Thursday evening, June 11, 1931, occurred in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bell, of Hickory, R. D. 1, when their daughter, Bertha Bernice Bell, became the bride of Clarence E. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carter, of Hickory. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, the Rev. C. S. Thomas of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, before an improvised altar of ferns and roses. A large assemblage of friends and relatives of the two young people witnessed the service.

Heralding the approach of the wedding party, Jules Beaumariage, brother-in-law of the bride, gave a short piano recital when he played "Love's Old Sweet Song" and the wedding march. Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. C. S. Thomas sang "O Promise Me."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in ivory satin with deep lace yoke, and her veil of tulle was secured with a band of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies. Miss Mabel Ryburn, of Cross Roads, as bridesmaid, appeared in orchid chiffon and her flowers were pink tea roses. Little Miss Alene Carlisle, of Hickory, was trainbearer, and her sister, Dorothy Carlisle, was flower girl. Glenn Carter served as his brother's best man.

A wedding dinner supplemented the ceremony, covers being laid for 32, with 12 at the bride's table. A four-course dinner was served. Later Mr. and Mrs. Carter left for a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and Canada, and upon their return will go to housekeeping in their home already furnished near Hickory.

Both young people are graduates of the Mt. Pleasant Vocational School at Hickory, and Mrs. Carter has taught in the schools of North Strabane and Cecil Township since her graduation from Muskingum College, New Concord, O., in 1926.

Among the guests present at the wedding were the Rev. M. D. Berryhill and Rev. C. C. Berryhill, classmates of the bride and bridegroom at the Hickory school.

# FARMERS BANK AT HICKORY IN FEDERAL HANDS

Directors Turn Institution  
Over to Comptroller of Currency to Guard Interests of Depositors. **MAY 6, 1931**  
REORGANIZATION RUMORED

The Farmer's National Bank of Hickory, the only financial institution in Mt. Pleasant Township, did not open its doors yesterday morning, apprehension having developed among the directors that a run was imminent.

Resolutions passed by the Board of Directors at a meeting on Monday, May 4, were made public at 9:30 Tuesday morning, stating that heavy withdrawals during the past few weeks, coupled with the threat of still further withdrawals, rendered it expedient in the minds of the Board to turn the bank's affairs over to the Comptroller of the Currency.

National Bank Examiner Addison A. Clarke was at the bank Tuesday morning, but no official information was given out by anyone, other than that the drastic step had been taken as a precautionary measure, to insure the utmost protection to depositors.

The Farmer's National Bank, organized 25 years ago, concurrently with the building of the Wabash Railroad and the development of the soft coal industry, has had deposits up to three-quarters of a million, and on March 25 showed deposits of \$650,000. Its affairs are believed to be in a sound condition, only a certain nervousness among some of the depositors causing the doors to close.

With capital stock of \$90,000, surplus and profits of \$42,000, resources of \$771,121.11, and loans and investments totaling \$623,623.83, the Mt. Pleasant institution in its handsome modern building, has offered every convenience for the banking public.

Quiet, orderly groups assembled at Hickory yesterday could scarcely believe the bank closed, and the general opinion was that the same conservative policy which had made the bank so successful in past years would guide its affairs through to a minimum of anxiety and loss for the depositors.

The officers of the bank are: Chairman of the Board, Robert R. Hays; president, W. R. Rankin; vice president, A. M. Carlisle; vice president, S. A. Harbison; cashier and vice president, W. R. Simpson; and the additional directors are A. T. McBurney, John J. Ray, D. I. Peacock and W. K. Allison.

It was rumored last night that the bank would be reorganized and reopened.

Announcement was made Tuesday that F. W. Jackson, of State Department of Banking, has been placed in charge of the affairs of the closed First Bank & Trust Company, of Washington, as temporary receiver. Jackson has a corps of workers going over the books of the organization and will remain in charge until a receiver is appointed, possibly within the

## BANK RECEIVER AUTHORIZED TO SETTLE CLAIMS

**MARCH 8 1933**

The petition of Harry G. Wilson, receiver of the Farmers National Bank of Hickory, which closed its doors on May 5, 1931, for permission to sell and compromise certain assets of the bank, has been granted by the Court.

Among the assets of the bank are a Ford town car and a G. M. C. bus, both of which were purchased by the receiver at Sheriff's sale of the property of A. Floyd Frye. The Ford town car has been sold to the Brown Motor Company, of Washington, for \$200, and the receiver now wants permission to sell the bus at either public or private sale.

Thirty shares of the Hickory Penn Gas Company were purchased by the receiver from E. B. Swartz at a public sale. Permission is given to sell this stock for the best price obtainable, consistent with the market price, at either public or private sale.

The bank holds an obligation of \$1070 of J. C. Johnson, who is insolvent. Johnson has offered to turn over his assets to his creditors, the proceeds from the sale of which are to be divided pro rata among his creditors as a settlement in full of his obligations. The bank has received as its pro rata share \$211.33, which the Court has approved as full settlement.

Among the assets of the bank is an obligation for \$1650 of E. C. and J. M. Caldwell, both of whom are insolvent. Subsequent to the entry of this judgment in the Prothonotary's office E. C. Caldwell conveyed his property in Burgettstown to his wife, Mabel M. Caldwell. The Washington National Bank of Burgettstown holds the first lien on this property, and before the receiver could acquire title to the property it would be necessary to advance \$1,000 in payment of this first lien.

E. C. Caldwell has filed an affidavit of defense to the claim of the Farmers National Bank, and it is stated that to enforce settlement expensive litigation would ensue. E. C. Caldwell has offered \$1,000 in full settlement of this claim, and the receiver is authorized to accept the offer.

shown By Last

Deposits	Loans and Investments	Div
2,103,170.79	\$6,570,546.00	
3,508,968.89	3,422,702.60	
703,764.95	780,960.72	
306,363.55	283,701.5	
429,769.88	477.25	
334,521.57	309	
317,369.62		
7,03,929.25		\$1

Orill, F. G. H. and assistant

## MT. PLEASANT FOLK CERTAIN BANK IS SOUND

School Board Assures Teachers It Will Be Able to Pay Salaries—Road Funds Ample Protected.

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 1921

HICKORY, May 6.—This community was today rallying from the shock incident to the failure of the Farmer's National Bank to open its doors yesterday morning. The courage for which Americans are noted was evident in the attitude of the people, who are determined to carry on business, pending the outcome of the bank's affairs, about which there is little worry.

Banks in the neighboring towns were profiting from the temporary setback experienced by Mt. Pleasant Township's leading village. County banks with ample resources and harmonious management enjoy local confidence and were today in negotiation with individuals or organizations in regard to banking accommodations and connections.

As one man of means remarked today, the people are determined to keep as much money as possible in Washington County, because they realize that to deposit elsewhere would only hamper business, decrease property values and retard prosperity's return.

At a hastily called meeting of the School board last night, assurances were given out that teachers' salaries and current expenses of the next few months would be met promptly. School deposits of

### Farmers National Bank, Hickory, Purchases Site for New Bank Building

Hickory, April 11.—The Farmers' National bank has purchased the D. R. Peacock property in Main street as a site for a proposed new bank building to be erected in the near future.

The property, at present occupied by Mrs. Alice Marqu's as a residence and W. J. Freil as a butcher shop, is located on the other side of Main street and west of the present bank building. The lot is 60x135 and it is proposed to erect a modern brick and stone bank building as soon as plans are definitely worked out.

The Farmer's National bank of Hickory is one of Washington county's strongest financial institutions and has enjoyed steady growth. The need for more commodious quarters has made the purpose of a new site imperative.

## BANKER IN FIT OF DESPONDENCY TAKES OWN LIFE

Robert R. Hays, President of First Bank & Trust Company, Shoots Himself in Heart.

July 2, 1931  
LONG LEADER IN THIS  
CITY AND AT HICKORY

Health Was Greatly Impaired  
by Strain of Responsibilities  
and Closing of the Local  
Institution.

### HOLD FUNERAL TOMORROW

Made despondent by worries incident to the closing of the First Bank & Trust Company of which he was president, Robert R. Hays, aged 54 years, took his own life about 3:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon by shooting himself in a bedroom of his home, 626 East Beau street. A revolver was used, the bullet lodging in his heart causing almost instant death.

Since the closing of the bank and the subsequent closing of the Farmers National Bank of Hickory, of which he was former president, Mr. Hays had worked almost incessantly in the efforts to reopen both institutions. He had been unable to sleep and the constant worry and annoyances connected with the work of trying to straighten out the tangled affairs of the two institutions had preyed upon his mind.

Usually a calm and composed man he had become very nervous and melancholy on account of the strain under which he had been laboring. For several weeks past he had been unable to sleep and was much run down physically. While in that state he had procured a revolver and fired the fatal shot.

Word of his death brought forth expressions of sorrow and regret from all who knew him. While a quiet and rather reserved man, he had many close friends and business associates. As a banker and business man he was held in the highest esteem by all his associates. Not only was he active in banking circles but took part as a citizen in many community activities, the Washington County Bankers Association, the Washington Chamber of Commerce and the Washington Community Chest.

## BANKER IS DEAD



Robert R. Hays, president of the closed First Bank & Trust Company, is dead at his home in East Beau street, ending his life in a fit of despondency. A fellow banker last night expressed the belief that he was "broken-hearted" over the turn of affairs.

Robert Riddle Hays was a son of the late James S. and Sarah Hays and was born at Dinsmore, near Burgettstown, May 7, 1877. He was educated in the county schools and later entered Washington and Jefferson College, graduating with the class of 1902 with the degree of bachelor of science. He was one of the honor men of his class and was one of the speakers on the commencement program at the time of graduation.

Shortly after leaving college he organized the Farmers National Bank of Hickory, becoming cashier and finally president. The success of this bank was largely due to his efforts and the esteem in which he was held as a banker and a business man by the community.

He served for many years as a member of the school board of Mt. Pleasant Township and was active in securing for that township the Vocational High School which for so many years has been the pride of the township. This

Robert R. Hays

school, which for years has held an enviable place among such schools in the state, owes much to Mr. Hays' initiative and to his staunch support of it when it was considered an innovation in high school work.

Following the death of Harry V. Hart as cashier of the First National Bank of Washington, Mr. Hays was elected to that position, assuming his duties in February, 1926. When the bank and the Real Estate Trust Company of Washington were merged as the First Bank & Trust Company in 1927 he was chosen treasurer, and later, on the retirement of T. Jeff Duncan, president in January, 1930, he was elected president and was reelected in January, 1931.

He was holding this position at the time the bank was closed by the State Banking Department on May 4 of this year. Following its closing he devoted much of his time and energy to the movement for reorganization of the bank in the hopes of re-opening it. The work and worry of this greatly undermined his health and for the past few weeks he had been unable to sleep and was in a highly nervous state.

Hays was for years a member and active supporter of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory and since removing to Washington he became a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the American Institute of Banking, the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, the Washington Chamber of Commerce and Washington County Bankers Association. He served one term as president of the association. He was also president of the Washington County Alumni Association of W. & J. College.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Jennie C. Hays, and two children, Evelyn Jean, who was graduated this year from the Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, and James McMurray, a sophomore at Washington and Jefferson College. He leaves also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mary Keys, Mrs. John Welsh and D. V. Hays, all of Burgettstown, and James Hays, of Uhrichsville, O.

Funeral services, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Dr. George P. Atwell, will be held in his late home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock daylight saving time. The interment will be in the Washington Cemetery.

# HAYS FUNERAL SERVICE IS LARGELY ATTENDED

## Late President of First Bank & Trust Company Buried in Washington Cemetery With Services by Masons.

July 6, 1931

Funeral services for Robert R. Hays, late president of the First Bank & Trust Company, were held in his late home, 626 East Beau street, Friday afternoon and were largely attended. Many were present from Burgettstown, Hickory, Pittsburgh, and elsewhere. The room in which the casket lay was a bower of beautiful flower tributes, mute testimony to the esteem in which the late banker was held.

The services were in charge of Rev. Dr. George P. Atwell, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Hays was a member. He was assisted by Rev. Dr. George W. Pollock, associate pastor, and Rev. Joseph Morledge, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church.

The pall bearers were C. M. Barr, Pittsburgh; Dr. D. L. McCarrell and H. L. Pedicord, Hickory; C. L. V. Acheson, W. H. McClane, Guy Morrow, D. Glenn Moore, and H. E. Pollock, of Washington.

The interment was in the Washington Cemetery, where a committal service was conducted by Richard Vaux Lodge, F. & A. M., Burgettstown.

*Editorial - Washington - Burgettstown - July 2, 1931 - probably written by Wm C. Moore of Hickory.*

Robert R. Hays whose life came to a close yesterday occupied a place of leadership in this community for almost 30 years. He was best known to the people as President of the Farmers National Bank of Hickory, later as cashier of the First National and then Treasurer and President of The First Bank and Trust Company of Washington. The people of the Hickory district will look back on his active life among them there as one which was helpful and inspiring. His banking ability brought him to the attention of the directors of Washington's oldest banking institution. Under his guidance and direction it continued to hold a high place in the community. Had it not been for internal troubles and vicious gossip, it would today still be fulfilling its mission as a financial bulwark in the community.

The affairs of the bank during the trying days just before it closed and afterwards told heavily on the spirit and physical resources of its President who was obliged to carry heavy responsibilities as well as to face much harsh criticism.

Those who knew Mr. Hays most intimately and who had personal contact and associations with him and his life knew of his sterling character, his public spiritedness and his genuine interest in the affairs of his fellow-citizens and of the communities in which he lived.

### MRS. ANNA M. IRWIN

Mrs. Anna M. Irwin, 92, formerly of Avella, died at 12:35 p.m. Friday, November 26, 1971, in the Weirton, W. Va., Convalescent Center.

A daughter of William J. and Margaretta Phillips Brown she was born November 11, 1879, in Washington County.

Mrs. Irwin was a member of the Avella United Presbyterian Church. Until her retirement, she was employed by Kaufmans Department Store, Pittsburgh.

Surviving is one brother, John L. Brown, of Follansbee. Her husband, L. M. Irwin, is deceased.

Oct 21, 1931

# RECEIVER TO LIQUIDATE HICKORY NATIONAL BANK

### Notices Are Sent to Stockholders of Closed Institution Requesting That They Pay Assessment.

One hundred and two notices were mailed yesterday to stock-

holders of the closed Farmers National Bank of Hickory calling for payment of an assessment on the 900 shares of stock, amounting to \$90,000. The bank failed to open its doors May 5 of this year.

The assessment payment is to be made in four equal monthly installments beginning November 20, and is regarded as final evidence the assets of the bank will be liquidated and the institution remain permanently closed.

Diligent effort was made by the

stockholders and residents of the Hickory district to reopen the bank, but when it was learned \$200,000 would be required to place the bank on a business basis the plan was abandoned.

The requisition made on the stockholders is for the par value of the stock held at the time of the closing.

H. A. Graham, receiver in charge of the bank, reports the liquidation of its affairs will be pushed with as much dispatch as possible.

## DAVID SIMPSON RANKIN, OF NEAR HICKORY, DIES

### Widely Known Farmer Succumbs to Pneumonia—Was Member of Pioneer Family—Funeral Tomorrow.

**1931**  
HICKORY, July 7.—David Simpson Rankin, widely known and successful farmer, died in his home two miles north of Hickory this morning at 5:45 o'clock. He succumbed after a month's illness of pneumonia and complications.

Mr. Rankin, a son of the late Dallas and Emma Simpson Rankin, was born March 16, 1879, on the farm where he had spent his entire life. This farm is part of the George Washington tract, taken over by the Rankin family in 1774, and has never passed out of the Rankin family.

Mr Rankin received his early education in the common schools of Mt. Pleasant Township, later graduating from Hickory Academy and from Duffs Business College in 1900.

Mr. Rankin, who had never married, leaves two sisters: Mrs. Mollie W. Quivey, of Houston, and W. Va., and Miss Della Rankin, at home, and two brothers: W. Edgar Rankin, at home, and Albert M. Rankin, of Orlando, Florida. There are three nephews and one niece surviving.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

### OFFICERS IN DISTRICT

A. D. White, of Hickory, Is Elected President of Wabash Division of the County Association.

**1931**

WEST MIDDLETOWN, Sept. 22.—Echoes of the 13th annual convention of the Wabash District No. 2 of the Washington County Sunday School Association, held in the Grove United Presbyterian Church here were carried to many Sunday Schools of the region Sunday, and the Grove United Presbyterian Sunday School showed with pride the two trophy cups which it had won for the best attendance through the year, and for the best percentage of attendance at the convention.

Rev. S. A. McCollam, of McDonald, conducted the devotional exercises, and discussed the new standards. Then followed an address by Rev. O. S. Fowler, of Claysville, on "The Boy." Miss Bertha V. Caldwell, field secretary, made a pertinent talk, and the trophy cups were awarded by Rev. P. H. Hazlett, of Avella.

The officers were elected as follows: President, A. D. White, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian, Hickory; vice president, Loyal Brown, Venice United Presbyterian; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Charles M. Colwes, Hickory United Presbyterian; adult superintendent, Robert S. Wilson, Mt. Hope United Presbyterian; superintendent young people, Rev. Mark Ray, North Buffalo United Presbyterian; primary superintendent, Mrs. W. R. Simpson, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian, Hickory; missionary superintendent, Mrs. R. G. Liggett, Lower Buffalo Presbyterian; teacher's training, Rev. R. E. Kaufmann, pastor Cross Creek Presbyterian; temperance, Mrs. John A. Hamilton, Upper Buffalo Presbyterian; administrative superintendents, L. D. Rush, West Middletown Christian Church; Lawrence Shaw, Cross Roads United Presbyterian, and Carrie Farner, Avella Presbyterian.

## DIVIDEND TODAY AT HICKORY BANK

### Approximately \$100,000, Representing 20 Per Cent Dividend, Will Be Distributed on 1,120 Claims.

*June 4 1935*  
R. F. C. GIVES ASSISTANCE

Announcement was made last night by Receiver Don S. Lane that a dividend of 20 per cent would be disbursed by the closed Farmers National Bank of Hickory, beginning today.

The payment, made possible through the assistance of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, will bring total dividends by the bank to 67 per cent.

Receiver Lane announced that approximately \$100,000 would be distributed on 1,120 approved claims against the institution.

# LINCOLN NATIONAL, AT AVELLA, CLOSES DOORS

## Action Is Taken by Directors to Protect Interests of De- positors and Stockholders of Institution.

1931

AVELLA, Feb. 26.—Following a resolution passed by the board of directors of the Lincoln National Bank at Avella last night, the bank did not open for business this morning.

Frozen assets and a desire to conserve for the benefit of the depositors, prompted the action of the board. Today the affairs of the institution were turned over to the National Banking Department.

The news came as a surprise to the residents of this community, but those in close touch with the bank's affairs feel the suspension is only temporary and are hopeful there will be no loss to either the depositors or stockholders.

# NOTES ENTERED AGAINST CASHIER OF AVELLA BANK

## L. M. Irwin, Long Head of In- stitution, Has Not Commu- nicated With Other Officials for Several Days.

## WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

1931

AVELLA, March 1.—The financial difficulties caused by the closing of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella on last Thursday have been somewhat complicated owing to the continued absence of L. M. Irwin, the cashier, whose whereabouts are unknown to the bank officials.

Following the closing of the institution by the directors last Thursday morning Bank Examiner Addison Clark has been in charge of the financial tangle and will continue there until the Comptroller of Currency at Washington, D. C., appoints a receiver who will then take over the affairs of the bank.

Cashier Irwin left the bank last Saturday Feb. 21 and since that time has not been at the institution. He is known to have been in Washington Sunday and Monday and in Pittsburgh Tuesday but since that time no one knows of his whereabouts. It has been his custom to be away at various times but his continued absence without being in touch with any of the banking officials has caused alarm.

Following the closing of the institution on Thursday morning the directors of the bank entered notes in the Prothonotary's office at the county seat against Mr. Irwin totaling about \$118,000. These were demand notes, one for \$10,000 dated Jan. 14, 1931; another for \$46,500 dated Jan. 25, 1931; another for \$18,000 dated Jan. 26, 1931; and another one on the same day for \$31,070. In addition to these notes two others were entered, one dated Oct. 2, 1930, for 45 days given by Quint Liggett to L. M. Irwin and another on the same day by the Maple Cove Farm to L. M. Irwin per Quint Liggett. This note was for \$7,530 and was also for 45 days.

The cashier of a banking institution according to the banking laws is permitted to borrow not beyond 10 per cent of the capital stock and the surplus. The Avella Bank is capitalized at \$100,000 and had a surplus of about \$52,000.

These loans left the bank without ready cash and the directors closed the doors to protect the depositors and others interested. The patrons of the bank are still hopeful that Mr. Irwin will return and help clear up this financial difficulty that has caused much inconvenience to hundreds of persons in this community.

## PAROLE GRANTED THREE AVELLA BANK DEFENDANTS

Jan 20 1933

Four men charged with aiding and abetting in misapplication of funds in Lincoln National Bank at Avella, which closed February two years ago, appeared in Federal Court in Pittsburgh yesterday before Judge R. M. Gibson and entered pleas of nolo contendere.

Frank R. Westlake, a teller of the bank; Bert Irwin and Charles McFadden, connected with the Hopewell Oil & Gas Company, and W. W. Sutherland, connected with the Avella Investment Company, were charged with having signed notes at different times by which L. M. Irwin, cashier of the bank, benefited and secured funds, but by which they in no way benefited.

Defense Attorneys John R. McCreight, Robert E. Burnside and Clyde S. Pipes introduced a series of character witnesses who testified to the good standing in the community of the defendants, and expressed the sympathy of the community for them.

They were ordered to pay the costs of prosecution and were placed under parole for two years.

# WHEREABOUTS OF CASHIER IRWIN KNOWN TO BANK

## Claiming to Have Been Strick- en Ill, He Communicates With Them Sunday, It Has Been Learned.

Mar 3 1931

## SUBJECT TO ATTACKS

L. M. Irwin, cashier of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella, which closed its doors last Thursday, has been in communication with officials of the bank, getting in touch with them for the first time Sunday, it was learned yesterday.

Every effort was made by The Observer Sunday night to ascertain whether or not the cashier had been in touch with officials of the bank, but the information was withheld at that time.

Explaining his failure to communicate with the directors, Mr. Irwin said he had been stricken ill last Thursday. He was unaware of the closing of the bank, he said, and was deeply moved when he learned of the action. Mr. Irwin has been subject to such severe attacks in recent months, being confined for several days at a time.

What action he will take under the circumstances is not known. He is in Pittsburgh.

Success attained by the Lincoln National Bank, in recent years, and the growth of Avella as a mining center is attributed in a large measure to untiring efforts on the part of Mr. Irwin. As a banker and business man, he had apparently attained a success enjoyed by few.

Appointment of a receiver will likely be made by the comptroller of currency during the next few days. A report was current last night a receiver had been named, but it could not be confirmed.

While no definite news is obtainable on the condition of the Avella bank, some of those in rather close touch with its affairs, feel hopeful they will be adjusted and that reorganization and reopening of the institution will be possible.

# FORMER CASHIER OF AVELLA BANK IS UNDER ARREST

L. M. Irwin, 50, Who Has Been Living in Pittsburgh Hotel, Is Charged With Embezzling Funds.

## ACCUSATION IS MADE BY CROSS CREEK SUPERVISORS

Allege Funds of Township to Amount of \$25,650 Were Converted to Own Use by Irwin—Bail Fixed \$25,000.  
*Oct 19, 1931*

## HEARING ON WEDNESDAY

Charged with embezzlement in an information preferred before Alderman John F. Carmichael by County Detective William B. Dinsmore, L. M. Irwin, 50, former cashier of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella, is held in default of bail of \$25,000. He will be given hearing before Alderman Carmichael Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Irwin, who was cashier of the bank which closed its doors Feb. 26, last, for a score of years or more and prominent in the affairs of the community, was arrested Saturday evening in the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, where he has been living, by Constable William H. Hamilton.

Irwin was arraigned on 10 major counts, each of which is stated in four separate charges of unlawful conversion, for a total of 40 charges of embezzlement.

The charges are brought by the Board of Road Supervisors of Cross Creek Township, of which body Irwin was secretary and treasurer, claiming defalcations totaling \$25,650. This amount is alleged to have been fraudulently converted to his own use by Irwin. It is alleged, the sum, in various amounts, was withdrawn without true entries of the withdrawals being placed on the books of the township.

The specific amounts and the dates on which they are alleged to have been withdrawn follow: July 27, 1928, \$1,200; Dec. 7, 1928, \$10,000; June 28, 1929, \$3,000; June 9, 1930, \$1,500; June 20, 1930, \$1,000; July 19, 1930, \$700; Oct. 2, 1930, \$500; Dec. 23, 1930, \$2,750; Feb. 9, 1931, \$3,000; Feb. 16, 1931, \$2,000.

Harry G. Wilson, receiver for the Lincoln National Bank, is suing the Cross Creek Township supervisors in Federal Court for \$55,000 and the Washington Trust Company has entered suit against the same body for \$15,000.

The supervisors deny they, or the township, are liable for the sums.

Due to the late hour of his arrest and arraignment, Mr. Irwin had no opportunity to arrange bail, and was committed to the county jail for Wednesday's hearing. He conferred with his attorney yesterday.

# L. M. IRWIN IS HELD FOR COURT AT HEARING HERE

Accountant Testifies Sums Were Withdrawn From Township Funds and Same Amounts Credited to Irwin.

## UNABLE TO FURNISH BAIL

*Oct 22, 1931*  
L. M. Irwin, 50, former cashier of the Lincoln National Bank, of Avella, was remanded to the county jail in default of bail, for court, on a charge of embezzlement preferred by County Detective William B. Dinsmore for the Board of Supervisors of Cross Creek Township, at a hearing before Alderman J. F. Carmichael yesterday afternoon.

Irwin was arrested in Pittsburgh Saturday night by Constable William H. Hamilton. He is charged with having embezzled and converted to his own use \$25,650 which the township officers had placed on deposit in the Lincoln National Bank. Irwin, as secretary and treasurer of the township board, had full access to books and accounts of the township.

Attorneys Robert E. Burnside and Adolph Zeman represented the township, while Attorneys Meyer Goldfarb and Harry L. Williams acted as counsel for Irwin.

J. E. Ranft, president of the township board, testified that Irwin as secretary and treasurer, had full access to the books and funds.

C. R. Sproat, of Washington, certified public accountant, the only other witness called, testified that on the same dates funds were withdrawn from the township accounts, these same amounts, varying from a few hundred to \$10,000, were shown as deposited to Irwin's personal account.

Alderman Carmichael reduced bail from \$25,000 to \$20,000, in default of which Irwin was remanded to the county jail. It is understood his counsel will today petition the court to have the bail reduced to \$10,000.

# IRWIN SECURES BAIL REDUCTION ON COURT ORDER

Counsel for Former Avella Banker Makes Plea in His Behalf—Others Object to a Reduction

*Oct 23, 1931*  
BOND IS FIXED AT \$10,000

Bail of L. M. Irwin, former cashier of the closed Lincoln National Bank of Avella, held in the county jail on charges of embezzlement preferred by the Board of Road Supervisors of Cross Creek Township, was reduced to \$10,000 by court order yesterday afternoon.

Arraigned before Alderman J. F. Carmichael Wednesday afternoon, counsel for Irwin asked for a bail reduction. Alderman Carmichael reduced it from \$25,000 to \$20,000. Not satisfied with this, Irwin's counsel went before the court yesterday afternoon and renewed its demand. Judge Howard W. Hughes presided.

Information made by County Detective William B. Dinsmore, in behalf of the Board Supervisors, charged Irwin embezzled \$25,650, while acting as secretary and treasurer of the board.

Attorneys Robert E. Burnside and Adolph Zeman, representing the Cross Creek Board of Supervisors, objected to any reduction of bail for the banker. The plea in his behalf was made by attorneys Meyer Goldfarb and Harry L. Williams.

Irwin's counsel expressed the belief that he would be able to raise the \$10,000 necessary to secure his freedom until he is called for trial, he having been formally held for court at the hearing Wednesday.

The court stated that the purpose of bail was to guarantee the appearance of the defendant for trial and felt that \$10,000 would insure the presence of Irwin.

# Irwin Faces Sentence In This County Later

Former Avella Banker, Given  
Three-Year Term, Is Under  
Indictment Here on Other  
Charges of Misappropriation  
*June 14, 1931*  
HUNDREDS SUFFER LOSSES

L. M. Irwin, for nearly a quarter of a century cashier of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella, which closed its doors last February, is under sentence of three years in prison for misappropriation of funds of the institution.

Sentence was imposed in Federal Court in Pittsburgh Saturday upon Irwin's admission he had wrongfully used approximately \$100,000, about 45 per cent of the bank's funds.

Irwin is to serve his term in the Federal Reformatory Camp, Petersburg, Va.

Under indictment in this county, charged with his appropriating funds of road supervisors of Cross Creek Township, District Attorney Warren S. Burchinal announced last night that Washington County would place a detainer for Irwin so that at the expiration of the term to which he has been sentenced he will be returned here to face another sentence.

Passing of sentence on the former banker writes another chapter in the current depression, one that carried with it financial loss and even suffering to several hundred others in that their funds were used by him, the life savings of many being practically wiped out.

Entering the Lincoln National Bank as a young man, Irwin developed rapidly and one year later became its cashier. Working tirelessly in behalf of his bank and the community, he not only developed that institution until it was considered one of the strongest in the county but likewise became a leader in civic enterprises.

His success was so pronounced that he was regarded as the outstanding man of western Washington County and he was widely con-

sulted on business matters and held in highest esteem. He was reported to have made large sums taking leases in coal lands and selling them to operating companies.

Then came the boom period following the war depression in which inflation occurred to a degree seldom experienced. His personal ventures threatened. Irwin took sums which he confessed misappropriating in a desperate effort to avert personal financial disaster.

Instead of averting disaster, the use of the funds by the banker only increased it, causing the hundreds of depositors in the district to suffer a like misfortune.

Friends, acquaintances and business associates of years standing were among those to suffer as the institution in which Irwin played so important a part toppled about him.

Irwin was born in Cross Creek Township near Avella and spent practically his entire life in that district. His judgment was accepted as final by most of the residents of the district and it was a stunning blow when it became known following the closing of the bank that he had used the funds of the bank in an endeavor to protect his own interests.

Attending the Cross Creek Township schools, Irwin later attended Grove City College and taught school for several terms. He was employed by contractors during the building of the Wabash Railroad, being associated with the James G. Corcoran Company, Pittsburgh, for several years. He returned to Avella in July 1907 and entered the Lincoln National Bank, which was established by John A. Ray, of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Company.

Various enterprises of the district were sponsored by Irwin, including the Avella Lumber Company and the Avella Water Company, the Avella Improvement Company, and the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company. He also became prominent in lodge and church circles.

## LYDE M. IRWIN TAKEN TO PRISON

Former Avella Bank Cashier  
to Serve Three Years in  
Federal Reformatory—Former  
Bentleyville Teller Goes

### PRISON IS IN VIRGINIA —1932

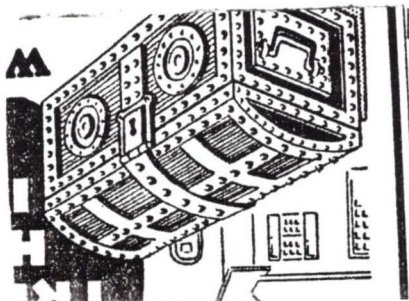
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20.—Three former bankers were taken from Pittsburgh tonight to serve terms at Federal reformatory camps in Virginia. The prisoners were in charge of United States Marshal J. C. McGregor. Seven convicts will go to Petersburg and one to Lee Hall.

Lyde M. Irwin, former cashier of the Lincoln National Bank, Avella, is sentenced to three years at Petersburg. He misapplied funds. Joseph G. Yoney, former teller of the First National Bank and Trust Company, Monessen, and Joseph E. Rondick, former teller of the Farmers and Miners National Bank, Bentleyville, are listed to the same institution. The former will stay two years and the latter 18 months. Rondick embezzled and Yoney misapplied funds.

Harry Leslie Morgan, of West Newton, will serve one year and one day at Petersburg. He impersonated a Government narcotic agent and borrowed \$25 from a druggist in Washington, Pa.

The prisoners were sent to the Virginia camps because of an outbreak of spinal meningitis at Atlanta (Ga.) Penitentiary, where it had been customary for many years to sentence Federal prisoners from this district.

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BETTER PRICES  
TRADERS EXPECT  
STOCK MARKET

# Receiver Avella Bank Sues a Bonding Firm

Alleges Firm Liable as Employee Should Have Known L. M. Irwin Was Looting Institution.

*June 1932*  
SUIT INSTITUTED HERE

Disclosure of methods employed by Cashier L. M. Irwin, now serving a sentence in a Federal prison camp in Virginia, to secure funds of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella for his own use came yesterday when Receiver Harry G. Wilson entered a suit against the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland to recover \$29,500.

Receiver Wilson holds that the company, which had accepted a blanket bond to protect the bank against fraud, dishonesty or embezzlement on the part of any of its employes, had been made liable for the sum due to the fact that Samuel S. Campbell, president of the bank; Raymond M. Allison, assistant cashier, and Frank R. Westlake, teller, had knowingly permitted Irwin to have access to the funds of the bank illegally.

Desperately striving to save his own fortune, Cashier Irwin is pictured as having used his trusted employes as "tools" to secure funds.

According to the statement of claim the charges made center around the manner in which it is alleged L. M. Irwin, the Cashier, obtained loans from the bank without security. It does not appear from the statement that any of the three men mentioned above benefitted personally.

It seems that Samuel S. Campbell, the President, was bonded in the sum of \$5,000; Raymond M. Allison, Assistant Cashier, in the sum of \$15,000, and Frank R. Westlake, Teller, in the sum of \$15,000. The statement over that Campbell caused the bank a loss in excess of \$15,000; that Allison caused a loss exceeding \$15,000, and that Westlake caused a loss of \$9,500.

In connection with Campbell it is charged by the receiver that due to his unauthorized acts the bank lost \$7,500. This dates back to August 1, 1927, at which time the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company

was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$10,000. At that time L. M. Irwin, the cashier, was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$28,800.31, while Campbell himself owed the bank \$7,665. It is set forth that Campbell knew or should have known of the indebtedness of Irwin and the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company.

It is charged that on August 1, 1927, Irwin extended an unauthorized and excessive loan of \$7,500, secured by a note made as an accommodation note in favor of the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company. Irwin was the principal stockholder of and in control of the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company. It is averred that this note for \$7,500 inured to the personal use of Irwin, which fact, it is said, Campbell should have known. This caused a shortage of \$7,500 in the funds of the bank, it is alleged.

It states further that on April 7, 1928, Campbell was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$13,905, and Irwin owed the bank \$29,795.98. On this date the bank made a loan of \$7,000 to Campbell, as shown by a note, which loan, it is alleged, was unauthorized. It is alleged that this loan was also made as an accommodation to Irwin, who received the proceeds. On April 7, 1928, there were payments on this loan in the sum of \$1,500. It is claimed that on account of this loan there was a shortage of \$5,500 in the funds of the bank.

The shortage of \$15,000 charged due to Raymond M. Allison occurred on November 10, 1930, when Irwin executed and delivered an unsecured note to the bank for \$15,000. This increased the indebtedness of Irwin to the bank at that time from \$87,763.88 to \$102,763.88. It is charged that Allison knew of this unauthorized and excessive loan, "and connived and acquiesced with the said L. M. Irwin in making the said loan."

It is also charged that Allison had three checks aggregating \$13,633.95, which were executed by Irwin and presented for payment.

It is charged that Allison knew or should have known "that there was not sufficient funds in the said bank to pay the said checks"; and it is alleged that these checks were carried in the said bank "illegally." It is charged that Allison knew of these facts and aided and abetted Irwin in making the payment by the bank of these checks.

It is charged further that on November 10, 1930, Allison "aided and abetted and was in collusion with the said L. M. Irwin in procuring the \$15,000" on the note mentioned above.

On November 25, 1930, and thereafter Irwin executed and delivered checks aggregating \$7,235 and obtained that sum from the bank, without having sufficient funds for the payment of these checks.

On November 28, 1930, Irwin executed a note for \$10,000, which, it is alleged, was unauthorized and excessive. This loan, it is averred, was to make payment of the checks for \$7,235. This increased Irwin's indebtedness to the bank to \$112,763.88.

On June 11, 1930, the Diamond National Bank of Pittsburgh, charged the Lincoln National Bank with an indebtedness of \$13,000, with respect of the indebtedness of the Avella Investment Company to the Diamond National Bank. This loan was paid by Irwin as cashier of the bank "in collusion with Raymond M. Allison when there was not sufficient funds in the account of the Avella Investment Company." It appears that a loan of \$13,097.50 was made to the Avella Investment Company to cover this. On June 11, 1930, at the opening of business the indebtedness of the Avella Investment Company to the Lincoln National Bank was \$37,841.36.

On October 7, 1929, Irwin extended an unauthorized loan of \$14,000 to Frank R. Westlake, represented by a note, superseding a note for \$4,500 executed by Westlake, thereby effecting an increase of \$9,500, "which amount of money inured to the personal use and benefit of the said L. M. Irwin." It is charged that the loan was excessive and illegal.

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Avella, Pa. May 2, 1929

### IT WAS SUCCESSFUL

The fourth and most successful Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held at the Chamber on 24th.

After the Invocation by Rev. Earl J. Hughes everybody paid strict attention to the most important business of the evening and that was a very, very fine chicken supper served as we understand it, under the direction of Mrs. Leech, President of the Ladies Aid. It was some supper!

Everybody likes music with their meals and the Presbyterian Sunday School Orchestra surprised me. There's a lot of things that we don't know and that was one of them but we know it now.

The speeches were good, I mean good. Everyone of them had something to say. The jokes reminded one of a machine gun in Chicago they came so fast. A number of them landed with the impact of 16 inch shells.

Howard Hughes said something and so did Prof. Skillen, Mr. C. O. Dambach left a very optimistic message with us. Mr. McGlumphy Mayor of Wellsburg showed us that the state line divides something else besides genuine old fashioned friendship.

Everybody that spoke told us of what a great man L. M. Irwin was if we didn't know it. He took his revenge by calling on Mr. Shanks to say a few words and He DID. everybody benefitted from what was said. It was successful because the SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WAS IN THE AIR.

Bob Casidy and Hugh Diamond entertained us well and among those present here were men from Claysville, Hickory, Cross Creek, Midway, West Middletown, Atlasburg, Burgettstown, Wellsburg, Washington and Independence.



# L. M. Irwin's Shortage Will Reach \$150,000

Receiver of Lincoln National Bank of Avella Files Suit Against Bonding Company to Recover \$20,000.

## BORROWINGS DISCLOSED

*July 9, 1932*  
Another suit to recover on a bond of L. M. Irwin, former cashier of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella, because of an alleged shortage of Irwin has been filed by Harry G. Wilson, receiver of the Lincoln National Bank, against the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York to recover \$20,000, the full amount of Irwin's bond, which was given by this company to the bank. While it is not definitely stated, it is understood that Irwin's total shortage will reach \$150,000.

The statement of claim alleges that while Irwin was cashier of the bank he committed "acts of fraud, dishonesty, forgery, . . . and wilful misapplication of the money and personal property of the said bank, directly and through connivance with others."

It is stated that on August 14, 1930, Irwin was directly and indirectly indebted to the bank for \$26,232.99. It is alleged that on this date Irwin loaned to himself \$6,000, which "was illegal, unlawful and unauthorized," and which was for his own use. This constituted an additional shortage of \$6,000.

On September 6, 1930, the "Loan Scratcher" of the bank shows a loan of \$6,000 to L. M. Irwin; and on this date he was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$60,232.92. This included \$16,500 designated as the "L. M. Irwin Farm Account," and \$10,000 designated as "L. M. Irwin, Agent."

On September 22, 1930, L. M. Irwin made another loan to himself of \$2,500, at which time it is set forth that he was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$66,596.78.

On October 18, 1930, it is stated that Irwin made a loan of \$2,000 to himself, at which time his indebtedness to the bank was \$32,096.78. It is not stated whether this was an additional loan of \$32,096.78 or whether the debt of \$66,596.78 mentioned above, had been reduced.

The next loan was on November

10, 1930, when it is stated that Irwin made a loan of \$15,000 to himself. At this time Irwin's indebtedness to the bank is given as \$46,693.88.

On November 28, 1930, another loan was made by Irwin to himself for \$10,000. His indebtedness to the bank at that time is given as \$61,693.88.

Irwin's indebtedness to the bank was increased on December 12, 1930, by \$12,500, and another loan on December 31, 1930, was made for \$2,000, increasing the indebtedness by \$14,500. A loan for \$1,500 was also made on this date, at which time the total indebtedness is given as \$123,763.88. This amount is also given as the total indebtedness of Irwin to the bank on January 12, 1931.

Other loans were made from time to time, which involved those to the Avella Investment Company and the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company, in both of which Irwin was interested as a heavy stockholder. The indebtedness of the Avella Investment Company to the bank on August 14, 1930, is given as \$51,729.85.

On February 10, 1931, the Avella Investment Company was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$52,583.78; and on February 6, 1931, the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$61,268.87.

It is stated that on January 12, 1931, the total indebtedness of L. M. Irwin to the bank was \$82,693.88, which is exclusive of an obligation known as the "L. M. Irwin, Agent" note for \$10,000; and also exclusive of the indebtedness of the "L. M. Irwin Farm Account," amounting to \$31,070. Both of these, it is stated, "inured to the personal use and benefit of the said L. M. Irwin." This makes the total indebtedness of Irwin on that date as \$123,763.88.

## Receiver Avella Bank Is Ordered to Deliver Deeds Cross Creek Land

*Jan 5 1933*  
An order for the sale of certain real estate to Mrs. W. O. Johnston by Harry G. Wilson, receiver of Lincoln National Bank, of Avella, has been made by the Court. In this order the Court authorizes the receiver to deliver to Mrs. Johnston a deed for two tracts of land in the village of Cross Creek. The one fronts 150 feet on the Cross Creek-Rea Road, upon which is a two-story frame dwelling and garage; while the other also fronts on the Cross Creek-Rea road, and contains a frame barn and frame tool house. The purchase price is \$1,100.

## RECEIVER ASKS RIGHT TO SELL

### IRWIN TRACTS

*Sept 22, 1932*

Two petitions asking for a court order for the sale of certain real estate owned by the Lincoln National Bank, of Avella, have been filed Harry G. Wilson, receiver of the bank; and the court has set 10 o'clock a. m., September 30, as the time for the hearing. The total amount offered by two purchasers for the several tracts of land is \$11,950.

The first, known as the Maple Cove Farm, located in Hopewell Township, consists of two tracts containing 139.474 acres and 4.1 acres, near the intersection of the Avella-Taylorstown Road with a road from Tarrtown. Upon this land is a frame dwelling and other improvements. It was formerly owned by L. M. Irwin, cashier of the Lincoln National Bank when it closed its doors on February 26, 1931.

Harry G. Wilson, receiver, has received an offer of \$5,000 from Lawrence W. Morris and Mayme G. Morris, his wife. The purchase price is to be paid as follows: \$500 cash on signing of agreement; \$500 upon approval of the court; \$500 within six months, and the balance of \$3,500 in one year. The balance is at the rate of about \$34 an acre. The coal is reserved.

The second offer is \$6,950 from Paul Ciaffoni for six tracts of land in Independence and Blaine Townships, containing a total of 965 acres, or approximately \$7 an acre. All of this land was formerly owned by L. M. Irwin. The various tracts are:

The J. J. Stewart Farm, in Independence township, contains 224 acres, 3 rods and 2 perches; coal reserved.

The D. A. Scott Farm, in Independence Township, containing 210.129 acres; coal reserved.

The John Scott Farm, in Independence Township, containing 106.29 acres; coal reserved.

The Nancy Smith Farm, in Independence Township, containing 175.007 acres; coal reserved.

The Elizabeth Mchaffey Farm, in Blaine Township, containing 139.0292 acres; coal reserved.

The William McK. Smith Farm, in Blaine Township, containing 111.6549 acres; coal reserved.

These were all purchased by L. M. Irwin during the period from 1920 to 1925.

By the terms of this sale Paul Ciaffoni is to pay \$500 on signing of the agreement, \$1,000 on confirmation by the court, and the balance of \$5,450 in one year.

## Patterson

Relatives and friends of the late William and Cassie A. Patterson gathered at the home of Levi Baker, of Vankirk Station, and spent the Fourth of July in a family reunion. The morning was spent in greeting one another and talking over remembrances of previous days and months since the family last met. After dinner all gathered in the living room where a short program was carried out. The program consisted of duets, piano, violin and vocal solos, recitations, and singing by the group. A reading was given by Edith Moten entitled "Lavinsky at the Wedding."

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in taking pictures and the general good time such as can only be had where good music and wholesome conversation is indulged in.

A hearty invitation was extended by Robert Patterson to hold the reunion at his home next year during the month of May. Those attending follow:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacobs and sons, Edwin and Raymond, Mrs. Lina Hill, Than Bush, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burgess and children, Alice, Gene, Lloyd and Wade, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moten and family, Howard, Edith, Philip, Leroy, John, Ruth, Wayne, Warren and Betty, of Rea; Elmer, Marion, Earnest and Jennie Patterson of West Middletown; Mrs. Eula Ross and daughters, Ida and Mable, of Farrell; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, of Burgettstown, R. D.; Delbert, Hazel and Ola Mae Fullom, of Florence; Emmanuel Patterson and Mrs. Harriet Whipple, of Frankfort; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickens and children, Robert and Elizabeth, of Hammondsville, O.; Miss Hazel Patterson, of Hammondsville; Mrs. Violet Hissom and children, Earnest, James and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson and son, Ralph, of Hollidays Cove, W. Va.; Rea White, of Rea Station, and Levi Baker and daughters, Hazel, Mildred and Leanna, of Vankirk Station.

## Rea

About 90 descendants of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rea attended the Rea family reunion Saturday, July 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Le-man Smiley, of near Burgettstown. Those attending arrived in the morning and all enjoyed a bountiful chicken dinner served on the lawn at 12 o'clock. The afternoon was spent in bathing, horse-back riding and games.

Supper was served at 6 o'clock, after which a business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: President, C. M. Rea, of Rea; vice president, D. W. Cummins, of Cadiz, O.; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ross A. Leyda, of Eighty Four.

Those present were: Mrs. Mary Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harper, of Burgettstown; Mrs. R. F. Galbreath and family, of Bellevue; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smiley and family, of Bulger; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keenan, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Winifred Buchanan, Hugh Buchanan and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Elliott and family, of West Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Leyda and son, of Eighty Four; Mr. and Mrs. Verne Buchanan and family.

of Newark, O.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Marshall and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hezlep and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Keenan and sons, of Oakdale; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bissonette and family, of Johnstown; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rea and son, Mrs. Alberta Cozines and Wayne Cook, of Rea; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Meade Gameler and son, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Adams, of Cadiz, O.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bowman and daughters, Wash Bowman and daughters, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lee and family, and Lawrence Lee, of Cross Creek; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Donaldson, of Columbus, and Miss Mary Caldwell, of Hickory.

## MRS. ANNA M. BURNS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Former Resident of Washington Dies in Evanston, Illinois—Funeral Services Here Tomorrow Afternoon.

Word has been received by relatives here of the death Monday night at Evanston, Illinois, of Mrs. Anna M. Burns, widow of Horace R. Burns and a former resident of Washington. The body will arrive here Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and funeral services will be held in the funeral home of W. B. Ritchie at 1 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time. Interment will be in the Washington Cemetery.

Mrs. Burns, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Albert E. Hosmer, had been an invalid for the past eight years. She was in her 82nd year. She was a native of the West Middletown section, but had resided in Washington for many years. Following the death of her husband, who was a local carpenter and contractor, she removed to New Concord, Ohio, and later went to her daughter's home in Evanston.

While living here she was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church. At the time of her death she was a member of the Evanston United Presbyterian Church. Her pastor, Rev. Dr. J. T. Meloy, now here on a vacation, will have charge of the funeral services tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Burns leaves two daughters, Stella, wife of Albert E. Hosmer, of Evanston, Illinois, and Alicia, wife of Dr. William T. Moore, a medical missionary at Tanta, Egypt. Another daughter, Ola, wife of Dr. Alexander W. Pollock, also a medical missionary, died in Egypt several years ago. She leaves also three grandchildren, Isabel, Anna and Donald Moore, of Tanta, Egypt, and a sister, Mrs. William G. Simpson, of Hickory.

## Two Deer Are Reported as Making Home in Forests In the Eldersville District

July 31, 1931

Motorists in the northwestern section of Washington County are liable to run across any sort of wild game in that district nowadays. Yesterday morning a Burgettstown driver, while traveling along the road from Eldersville to Burgettstown, was forced to stop his automobile to permit a buck deer and a doe to cross the highway before him.

The deer came out of a field, crossed the road and disappeared leisurely into a tract of woodland.

Members of the J. W. Dimit family, residing on a farm about two miles from Eldersville along the Burgettstown road, also saw the deer, and are of the belief that the animals are staying in a large piece of timber on their property.

# Missing Parts of Harvest Machinery Are Discovered On Farm of Murdered Man

ELDERSVILLE, Aug. 6.—Alden Miller, of Bancroft farm, Jefferson Township, surely could give as good a definition of the word "pest" as Noah Webster ever could. When Mr. Miller began to cut his wheat he had a machine that gave good satisfaction the first day. The second day when he commenced cutting the knoter of his binder was missing. He got a new knoter and finished his wheat.

Then he began cutting his hay. The first day the machine did good work. The next morning when he commenced to mow the knife rod was missing. Mr. Miller got another machine. In a few days the knife rod was taken from it. On another day when he went to work the tongue of the machine was gone. When he began hauling hay to his barn soon the ropes and other equipment disappeared.

On Monday, July 27, Miller went to another farm of his holdings to put hay into the barn. Another rope, hay fork and carriage were gone. Mr. Miller was so worked up that he started out to run down whoever was committing these thefts, getting officers on the case, and he and Constable W. J. Robinson, of Eldersville, searched the Chupa farm nearby and reported finding most of the stuff. The farm is occupied by Mrs. George Chupa, whose husband was slain more than a year ago by a man who lived in the Chupa home. This man is now serving a sentence for Chupa's murder.

Constable Robinson arrested Mrs. Chupa's son, George, and a man said to be living with Mrs. Chupa, and they were given a hearing and sentenced to prison for the thefts.

## Former Smith Township School Principal Gets Allegheny County Post

J. L. Grubbs, of Canonsburg, former supervising principal of the Smith Township schools, has been elected principal of the schools of Green Tree borough, Allegheny County, and will assume his duties at the opening of the schools this Fall.

Mr. Grubbs was formerly connected with the Canonsburg schools and for several years was the head of the Smith Township schools which included supervision of the Union High School at Burgettstown.

## Preaches In Hickory United Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning



REV. M. D. BERRYHILL

Rev. Marshall D. Berryhill, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Berryhill, of Hickory, and pastor of the Polk Run Presbyterian Church, will occupy the pulpit of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church at his native home Sunday. He will teach the Men's Bible Class at 10:30 a. m., and regular preaching service will convene at 11:30.

# Barn Located Near Avella Catches Fire as Threshing Is Under Way; Is Destroyed

Aug 15, 1931

The barn on the Daniel Strobe farm, four miles north of Avella, filled with newly harvested crops, was burned to the ground yesterday by a fire that evidently was started by a spark from a threshing machine. The barn, 45 tons of baled hay, 650 bushels of wheat, three tons of loose hay, tools and a Hudson sedan were destroyed. Loss is estimated at \$7,000.

The fire broke out at 10 o'clock, while the Davidson Threshing Company of Eldersville, was threshing in the barn. The first flames were seen at the end of the straw blower in a stack beside the barn. A lively breeze quickly spread the flames, and in a few minutes flames

more than a hundred feet high swept from the stack into the barn, being carried by the draft through open doors. Fast work by the men saved the larger farm machinery and the threshing machine.

A bucket brigade was formed and poured water over nearby buildings, saving them all. The Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department answered the alarm, but the flames had advanced so far by the time the company arrived that all efforts were turned to saving adjoining buildings.

Although the barn soon collapsed the fire continued to be fed by the baled hay and other stuff in the building, and was still burning late yesterday. It is expected to last until sometime today.

Preached at Mt. Prospect Church on Aug. 30, 1936

## Collins-Dixon

Marion Earle Collins, of Cedarville, O., and Miss Anna Mary Dixon, of New Concord, O., were united in marriage at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the United Presbyterian Church at New Concord. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Will M. Hughes, pastor of the church, who was assisted by Rev. Albert M. Dixon, of Cuyahoga Falls, O., an uncle of the bride.

The bride, dressed in white crepe back satin and carrying white rosebuds and lilies-of-the-valley, was given in marriage by her father. The bridal party included the bride's sister, Mrs. Howard J. Oviatt, of Canonsburg, as matron of honor, who wore pink chiffon voile and carried a bouquet of pink roses; Miss Dorothy Collins, of New York City, a sister of the bridegroom, as bridesmaid, wearing blue chiffon and carrying yellow rosebuds and blue delphiniums, and little Miss Norma Oviatt, of Canonsburg, as flower girl, who wore green georgette over pink, and scattered flower petals in the bride's path. J. Robert Collins, of Cedarville, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The ushers were Harold Vance, of New Wilmington; Wilbur White, of Xenia, O.; William Garrett, of Glencoe, O., and Cecil Rife, of Xenia, a cousin of the bridegroom. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, with the bride and bridegroom, the bride's parents, and the bridegroom's mother in the receiving line. A one-course lunch was served, with cousins of the bride acting as aides. White was the prevailing color.

The rehearsal Friday afternoon was followed by a high tea at the Dixon home, with Mrs. Howard J. Oviatt pouring, and Misses Mary McConagha and Gladys Dixon serving.

The bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott Dixon, graduated from Muskingum Academy in 1922 and from Muskingum College in 1926. Following her graduation she taught two years in the schools of Washington County, and for three years was a short term teacher in the school for American Missionaries' Children at Schutz, Alexandria, Egypt. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. and the late Gordon Collins, of Cedarville, O., and is a graduate of Cedarville High School and of Cedarville College, class of 1923. For four years he was a teacher in Assiut College, Assiut, Egypt. At present he is a student at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, working on his Ph. D. degree. Last year he was president of the Y. P. C. U. convention held at Estes Park, Colorado.

Following the reception Mr. and Mrs. Collins left for a two-weeks' trip through New York State, at the conclusion of which they will reside at Tarkio, Missouri, where Mr. Collins will be head of the Department of Education and also Dean of Men, of Tarkio College.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding and reception included Mrs. J. M. Dixon, Mrs. Gordon Collins, Mrs. John E. Small, Rev. and Mrs. Lee E. Rife, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Oviatt, Elizabeth, Charles, and Norma Oviatt, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Dixon, Misses Carrie and Margaret Rife, Mrs. Anna D. Wendell, Misses Bernadine and Ruth Wendell, Mrs. Charles W. Dixon, Roderic Dixon, Miss Gladys Dixon, Misses Loma and Zoe Dixon, Emory Dixon, Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. French, Mr. and Mrs. G. Walter Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Choate, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. McBride, Misses Louise and Anna Lee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. Roger Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins, Master Billy Collins, W. C. Rife, Ralph Rife, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, J. Harold Vance, William and Alfred Garrett, Cecil Rife, Wilbur White, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donivan Carson, Miss Bertha Collins, and Miss Dorothy Collins.

## Young Man Confesses To Extortion Attempt

Russell William Myers, 19, of Bethany, W. Va., Admits, Officers Say, He Tried to Extort Sum From Cross Creek Family

### TRAP PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Following a quick bit of police work by Constables Joe Pyle and Mike Robb, Russell William Myers, 19, of Bethany, W. Va., last evening arrived at the Washington County jail, in default of bail of \$2,500, to await court action. He entered a plea of guilty to a charge of extortion when hailed before Justice of the Peace W. B. Culley, at Burgettstown, yesterday.

Thursday morning, when William and George Dunbar, of Cross Creek Township, opened their morning mail they found a letter which stated that if \$25 was not placed in a match box which lay at the foot of the mail box post, the Dunbar home and buildings would go up in smoke the following day. The letter was signed, "Strikers. Hungry."

The Dunbar brothers went to Justice of the Peace Culley's office and displayed the letter. Constable Pyle returned with them to their home and secreted himself in a corn field where he could command a view of the mail box. The money was placed in the match box as commanded in the letter.

Through the afternoon there were no passersby along the side road leading by the Dunbar home. When darkness fell Constable Robb joined Pyle and the two continued the vigil. Twice an automobile, later discovered to have been driven by Russell Myers, passed, but did not stop.

About 10 o'clock a machine came up the road and turned to the mail box. The officers commanded the driver to stop, but he refused. After two shots had been fired into the air by the officers the machine was halted. John Myers, father of the confessed extortionist; his wife, Mary Myers, and his brother, Martin Myers, were in the car. Martin Myers occupies a farm adjoining the Dunbar property. Russell Myers had been visiting there.

The officers placed the trio under arrest and went to Myers' home where they discovered a tablet of note paper similar to that on which the threatening letter had been written. Specimens of Russell Myers' handwriting corresponded to that in the letter, and when faced with the evidence he confessed his guilt, exonerating the others of all blame. Their story as to why they turned in at the mail box is understood to have been plausible.

Myers was taken before Justice of the Peace Culley yesterday and on his confession was immediately committed to the county jail for court.

Wedding on August 14, 1931 August 17, 1931

# Avella Man Dies While Physician Is Arranging To Bring Him to Hospital

1931

AVELLA, Aug. 30.—While a physician left the house to make arrangements for an ambulance to take him to the Washington Hospital, Mike Corpus, 44, died sitting in a chair in his home here this morning at 11:45 o'clock.

Corpus, who was born in Czechoslovakia November 21, 1886, was stricken with acute pneumonia. Dr. Robert J. Nevin was called and immediately left the house to make arrangements to have the man taken to Washington. He returned a few minutes later to find him dead.

Corpus had been employed by the Jefferson Gas & Coal Company

and had made his home here for the past 20 years. He was a member of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Matril Slovak Society of Avella.

Besides his wife, Annie Corpus, he leaves nine children: Mrs. Mary Eannoza, of Pittsburgh; Charles, Mike, Elizabeth, John, Irma, Frank, Julia and Margaret Corpus, all at home. A brother, John Corpus, lives in Cleveland, and his mother, Mrs. Julia Maley Corpus, and two other brothers, reside in the old country.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed but interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, here.

## AGED AVELLA RESIDENT IS CALLED BY DEATH

William James Brown, 92, Believed Oldest Resident of Cross Creek Township, Passes Away. 1931

AVELLA, Sept. 6. — William James Brown, aged 92 years, believed to have been the oldest resident of Cross Creek Township, died in Avella Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, succumbing to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Brown the oldest resident of Avella, was a son of the late James and Jane Shoals Brown, born in Cross Creek Township, on the John Rea farm, near Bush Rock school house, March 23, 1840. His parents immigrated to this country from England.

Mr. Brown married Miss Margaret Phillips January 31, 1867. Her death occurred 15 years ago.

The aged citizen had been held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a staunch Democrat, and had held several township offices. He was one of the organizers of the Avella Lumber and Supply Company, serving as treasurer of this company until he was forced to retire two years ago.

The portion of Avella known as Browntown was named for Mr. Brown. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Avella.

The following children survive: George L. Brown, at home; Mrs. Alice Stunkard, of Avella; Mrs. Anna M. Irwin, of Avella; Mrs. Margaret Wood, of Crafton; Mrs. Etta Methias, of New Castle, and John Brown, of Follansbee, W. Va.

There are seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One brother, J. R. Brown, lives in Avella.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Tuesday afternoon, September 8, at 2 o'clock, eastern standard time, in charge of the Rev. D. C. Morton, D. D., of Holiday's Cove, W. Va., assisted by the Rev. Paul H. Hazlett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Avella. Interment will be in the West Middletown Cemetery.

*J. R. Brown died at Avella May 27, 1933.*

## GEORGE MENEELY IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Well Known Independence Township Man Passes Away at Age of 86 Years—Funeral Sunday. 1931

INDEPENDENCE, Aug. 21.—The death of George Meneely, aged 86 years, a well known citizen of Independence Township occurred this morning at 2 o'clock at his home in the village of Independence after an illness of more than one year. Pneumonia was the direct cause of his death, although he had suffered a stroke of paralysis about one year ago.

Funeral services will be held in the Meneely home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Rank, of Follansbee, W. Va., formerly of the Independence Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Mr. Steinstraw, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Independence.

Mr. Meneely, who was a life-long resident of this section, was born Sept. 11, 1845, being a son of the late James and Elizabeth Nuzum Meneely. He was one of a family of nine children, two of whom are yet living. Early in life he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Henderson, whose death occurred in 1919. He engaged in farming and followed that vocation until he retired and moved to the village after the death of his wife.

He leaves the following children: Martin Meneely, Rea; James Meneely, Clarence Meneely, Mrs. George Pollock, Mrs. William Virgin and Miss Lillie Meneely, all of Independence, and John Meneely, of McConnells Mills. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. W. R. Shepherd, of this place, and Mrs. Anna Johnston, of near the Tent Church, and who is now 90 years of age.

Mr. Meneely had many friends throughout the western and northern end of the county. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

*Sept 7th 1931*

Hunter-Headlee  
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Headlee, of West Middletown, announce the marriage of their daughter, Sue N., to Floyd Hunter, of Colliers, W. Va., on September 16, at Washington. The marriage was performed in the home of Rev. E. A. Cole, pastor of the Second Christian Church. Mrs.

Hunter was a teacher in the county schools for several years. Mr. Hunter is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The couple left soon after the ceremony on a motor trip.

## PUBLIC SALE

OF REAL ESTATE AND  
PERSONAL PROPERTY

Owing to ill health I am compelled to sell my farm and personal property, located one and one-half miles from Canonsburg, on the Midland and Venice road, on

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, 1931,  
at 9 o'clock a. m., E. S. T.

### FARM OF 143 ACRES

Of highly cultivated soil, on which is erected a good brick house, one good barn, wagon shed, corn cribs, two-car garage, a good spring and spring house, all in good repair. This farm is located on a good road and is considered one of the best farms in Washington County; \$375 a year income gas. Pittsburgh and Freepport veins of coal are reserved.

**TERMS ON REAL ESTATE**—Ten per cent of the purchase price when the property is knocked down, balance of the 25% upon delivery of deed, terms on balance of 75% made to suit purchaser.

### 40 REGISTERED HOLSTEINS

A sale above the average. Good cattle bred along lines for type and production. Twenty cows in milk, ten fresh and close springers, others due in Fall and early Winter; 20 head of heifers sired by bulls of approved breeding. A good place to buy profitable producers with type and good breeding. This is an accredited herd. One team of black horses, weight 3,000 pounds, good workers; 45 or 50 tons baled hay; 50 bushels oats; 40 Barred Rock chickens; one-half barrel of vinegar; corn in the shock; 3¼ Kramer wagon with two sets wheels; one wide tread wagon with two sets of wheels; two sets hay ladders, one new; milk wagon, grain drill, Plano binder, hay rake, hay tedder, McCormick 6-foot mower, 2-horse corn plow, single corn drill, corn binder, Moline tractor and plows, two land plows, hillside plow, two springtooth harrows, smoothing harrow, disc harrow, metal roller, International manure spreader, set 1,200 pound platform scales, cider mill, corn sheller, corn worker, bobsled, two hay cars, ropes and forks, complete, two sets double harness, 30-foot extension ladder, stepladder, large copper kettle, two iron kettles, hand washer, lard press, two dozen milk cans, log chains, forks, shovels and many other items too numerous to mention.

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Household and kitchen furnishings, including twelve pieces of antique furniture.

Lunch served by the Sunshine Class of Houston M. E. Church.

**TERMS**—All sums of \$25 and under cash. \$25 and upwards a credit of three months will be given, 2% off for cash.

J. R. CAMPBELL,

Canonsburg, R. D. 1.

A. W. Cummins & Sons, Auct.

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## SECOND U. P. PULPIT IS DECLARED VACANT

Rev. W. L. Wishart Ends Morning Service With Quiet Formality—Will Preach Next Sunday at Sharon.

*Sept 28, 1931*  
A quiet formality at the end of the regular service yesterday morning at the Second United Presbyterian Church officially marked the close of the seven-year pastorate of the Rev. William L. Wishart. Before pronouncing the benediction, Dr. Wishart with simple formality pronounced the pulpit vacant. He will leave Tuesday for Sharon, where next Sunday morning he expects to occupy for the first time in a new pastorate the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of that city.

The auditorium of the church was thronged at yesterday morning's service with members of the congregation and with friends of the departing pastor, whose seven years of residence in this city have been marked by activities in various fields of leadership—civic, fraternal, and charitable.

The sermon yesterday morning, a clear and definite message based on the text, "Ye are my friends," a part of John 15:14, was heard attentively by a congregation sorrowing at the breaking of the ties of seven years. Dr. Wishart preached again last night, the last sermon of his local pastorate.

## STROKE CAUSES DEATH OF OLIPHANT C. DUNCAN

Former Caretaker of W. & J. College Field and Native of Smith Township, Passes

Away—Funeral Today.

*Sept 28, 1931*  
A stroke of paralysis suffered one week ago resulted fatally to Oliphant Clark Duncan Saturday afternoon in his home, 577 South Main street. He was stricken Sunday one week ago while seated at the breakfast table and his condition had been serious since that time. He was aged 78 years.

Funeral services will be held in the Duncan home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Huber Ferguson, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. J. V. Stevenson, of Bulger. The interment will follow in the mausoleum in the Washington Cemetery.

*L. V. DUNCAN died in Oct 1923.*

Mr. Duncan, a son of Daniel and Rachel Van Eman Duncan, was born in Smith Township May 6, 1853, where he spent the greater part of his life. He is the last of his family, a sister, Ella, and two brothers, Van Eman and Norris having preceded him in death a number of years ago. Following his education in the Smith Township schools he was united in mar-

riage March 2, 1899, to Miss Maud Lewis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Lewis, of the Burgettstown section. After their marriage they took up their home on the Duncan farm in Smith Township.

Fourteen years ago they sold the farm which had been in the Duncan name for 135 years and moved to Washington, taking up their residence at 577 South Main street. While a resident of Smith Township Mr. Duncan had filled the office of road supervisor and other township offices. He made friends rapidly and was held in high esteem both in Washington and his former home in the Smith Township section. For many years he was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown and after coming to Washington transferred his membership to the First United Presbyterian Church here.

After coming to Washington Mr. Duncan was caretaker of College Field for W. & J. College and he was a familiar figure at all activities at the field. He was known to most every student of the college as "Dad" and he was highly respected by them. He was active and but few people realized that he had reached almost four score and ten as he had always kept young by mingling with the student body.

Mr. Duncan is survived by his wife and two daughters, Miss Margaret Duncan, at home, and Miss Elizabeth Duncan, of Steubenville. His aged mother-in-law, Mrs. Lewis, has resided at the Duncan home since the death of her husband over a year ago.

J. R. Henderson, of Near Hickory, Wins Shearing Contest at Ohio Fair

*Sept 30, 1931*  
J. R. Henderson, of the Burgettstown road, Hickory, R. D., won the sheep shearing contest during the annual Ohio State Fair at Columbus, Ohio, according to word received last evening. Mr. Henderson, prominent farmer and live stock raiser of Mt. Pleasant Township, shorn two sheep and tied the wools in nine minutes and 40 seconds, to lead all competitors by a good time margin. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, of Hickory, and is secretary of the Continental Dorset Club, an important sheepmen's organization.

# Traditions of Burgettstown Fair Heritage of Sterling

## Citizens of Other Years

Sept 30 - 1931

M. L. Cooke, of Hickory, who has attended every Burgettstown Fair except that of 1874, at which time he was traveling in the west with John Rankin, has in his possession a copy of "The Union Fair Journal," which served as a program for the exhibit of October 7, 8 and 9, 1873.

R. S. Cook was president in 1873, and the vice presidents were Vincent Miller, David Brown, John M. Miller, Cyrus M. Stevenson, and Thomas Miller. The secretary was John P. Wood, and the treasurer, John A. Denny. Managers: William K. Lyle, Levi Scott, H. C. Anderson, W. W. Vance, J. S. McCorkle, James Rankin, Esq., D. S. Fulton, William Bell, S. B. Campbell, Smith G. Cunningham, M. M. Borland, W. A. Herriott, John A. McCalmont, N. K. McDonald, James McClelland, M. H. Williamson, William M. Lee, and John K. McClelland.

Mr. Cooke, who will be on hand for the "big day" of the fair, says that in his 75 years of attendance he has adhered to the custom of going early in the day, so that he can spend the morning looking over the exhibits, and the afternoon in meeting friends. He thinks fairs are still useful and desirable, although much changed from what they were in the early days.

Among those looking after the horses at the fair of 58 years ago, in addition to managers J. M. Miller, W. A. Herriott and W. W. Vance, were the following committee members: A. J. Campbell, J. C. Crawford, M. R. Welch, Robert Morgan, Joseph Reed, John Hopper, William Crawford, W. O. Stevenson, S. P. Lyle, Carson May, Samuel Dawson and Ephriam Vogle.

James Rankin, David Brown and John K. McClelland were in charge of cattle, and the committees included the names of John McKelvey, Daniel Hoffman, John Tarr, William Dunbar, J. C. McNary, James Miller, William L. Archer, Richard Donaldson, Jr., Alexander Russell, William Virtue, William Boyd, J. P. McGill, J. B. Kelso, William Kirkpatrick and Joseph Willison.

Sheep and poultry were in charge of J. S. McCorkle, Levi Scott and James McClelland. The fine-wool sheep committee was R. S. Caldwell, William Lindsey, and Levi Gregg; the long wool or muton sheep committee, James Cubbage, M. L. Cooke, and James Robb. Rev. F. R. Wotring, Rev. J. C. Campbell, and C. C. Elbin had charge of the poultry, and those of the swine were Thom-

as H. Rallston, D. S. Walker and Morgan Elliott.

John A. McCalmont, Thomas Miller, and Smith Cunningham had the stern responsibility on their shoulders of looking after "the hall," where seeds, fruits, vegetables, implements, leather, and furniture were shown. Committee members working with them were J. W. Byerty, Robert Jeffrey, Alexander Hamilton, William Pyles, James Simpson, George Baldwin, C. M. Stevenson, William Bell, John Murphy, Thomas Virtue, William H. Templeton, John Matthews, T. M. Berryhill, Francis Cunningham, A. H. Kerr, R. J. Culley, R. J. Hodgens, John N. McDonald, Joseph Matchet, V. D. Reed, John Sampson, John McCullough, Alexander McCalmont, W. C. Lee, and William H. Clark.

Quilts, counterpanes, patchwork, crochet work, hose, needlework, bread, cakes, fruit, butters, domestic wine, catsup, vinegars, dairy products, and plants and flowers were the women's exhibits in those days, the wine and hose being considered of little importance to the women of today, or to some of them.

Among the women serving on committees at the fair of 1873 were: Mrs. G. Y. McKee, Miss Micha Griffith, Miss Caroline Murchland, Mrs. Thomas Miller, Miss Annie Lindsey, Miss Lizzie Hoffman, Mrs. R. S. Cook, Miss Ory Campbell, Miss Mattie Cowen, Mrs. Alexander Espy, Miss A. M. Rankin, Miss Lilly Ritchie, Mrs. M. R. Welch, Miss Lizzie Hopper, Miss Adaline Smith, Mrs. Vincent Miller, Mrs. William V. McFarland, Miss Aggie McCalmont, Mrs. William Pyles, Mrs. Joseph McElroy, Mrs. Thomas Stockton, Miss Rachael Berry, Mrs. William L. Archer, Miss Belle Russell, Miss Nannie Lee, Miss Annie Morgan, Miss Sallie McCalmont, Mrs. John P. Wood, Mrs. John N. McDonald, Mrs. Robert Neely, Mrs. S. B. Campbell, Mrs. John Amspoker, Mrs. John M. Miller, Mrs. William K. Lyle, Mrs. David Gault, Miss Jo Sturgeon, Mrs. A. M. Reed, Miss Maggie Wilson, and Mrs. Levi Scott.

All of which may sound like the story of that army which was all made up of officers. But families were large in those days, and by the time children or relatives of all these committee members got through the gates it made a crowd.

A great many of these sterling citizens have died, but the Burgettstown Fair's worth while traditions are a heritage from these splendid characters.

## SOCIETY

25th Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday, September 26, a host of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dimit, near Eldersville, on their 25th wedding anniversary. The affair was a complete surprise to both Mr. and Mrs. Dimit. Several useful gifts were received. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker and son, Frank; Mrs. Martha Baker and daughter, Connie Dee; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barr, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Irwin and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dimit and Donald, Mary and Lee Dimit; Mrs. Lee McClurg and son, Lawrence; Mrs. Ida Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Talbott and daughter Patty Jean; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kessel, Mrs. Anna Stroud and son, Cree; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carman, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Vance, Nellie Kharas and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClurg, Scott Walker, Meryl Talbott, Roy Jaynes, Joe McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jukes, Owen Bayles, Oliver Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wiegmann, Lillie Wirt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wiegmann, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pettibon and daughter, Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Lorin McCrady, Mrs. Edith Scott and Dorothy, Marian and Dale Scott; Mrs. Nella M. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meneely and Ruth Meneely, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Truax, Elsie Maggs, Esther Maggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maggs, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Butler, Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Rev. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kidd and children, Mame Lockhart, Mrs. John Boles, Mrs. Melissa Woodrow, Mrs. Bertha Martin, Alma J. Gourley, Mrs. Gaylord Martin and son, Eugene, Mrs. Earl Davidson and children. A bountiful dinner was served. An enjoyable day was had by all. All departed for their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Dimit many more happy years.

## IRATE FARMER CHARGED WITH SHOOTING BOY

Mike Solitio, Aged 15, of Westland, Suffers Severe Wounds About Body—Aged Man Is Under Arrest.

### TAKE BOY TO HOSPITAL

HICKORY, Oct. 7.—Shot by an irate farmer as he is believed to have been plucking an apple from an apple tree near the Hickory High School building, Mike Solitio, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Solitio, of Westland, is suffering with painful wounds on various parts of his body.

J. M. K. Donaldson, alleged to have fired the shot at the boy, lives on property adjoining the school land.

According to a statement this morning by R. E. Thomas, principal of the school, the apple tree from which the boy is said to have been taking an apple, hangs over the line fence between the school property and the land owned by Mr. Donaldson. While he was waiting for the school bus, shortly after 4 o'clock, the boy is said to have climbed on the fence and was in the act of reaching for an apple when Donaldson fired.

The boy is said to have sustained severe injuries, two of the pellets striking him on the right hand and about 40 pellets struck him about the hips and middle of the body.

It is stated that there was certain resentment held by Mr. Donaldson for the school, due to the fact that when the building was erected some years ago, it was necessary to condemn the land which was owned by Donaldson. Since that time he has not been kindly toward the school and its students.

An information was made against Donaldson today, before Justice of the Peace J. A. McKnight, of Houston, charging felonious assault and battery with firearms. The information was made by Mrs. Mary Solitio, mother of the boy. Donaldson was arrested and taken before the justice where he gave bond in the amount of \$500 for his appearance for a preliminary hearing which is expected to be held this evening.

## Six Avella Young People Are Injured in Accident Returning from Grid Game

1931

AVELLA, Oct. 11. — Six young people of Avella were more or less seriously injured when the driver of their car was forced to swing into a guard rail to avoid crashing into another machine near Woodrow last night at 8:30 o'clock. They were returning here from Yorkville, O., where Avella High School athletes played football yesterday.

Herbert Eld, 22, driver, sustained lacerations of a hand and on the back of his neck; Eleanor Eld, 15, received a broken leg; Ada Eld, 18, suffered a strained back and is suffering from shock; Margaret Neiser, 19, received a shoulder hurt;

Margaret Miller, 16, sustained a severe laceration of the scalp and Dorothy Brown, 15, is suffering from shock. Herbert Eld acted as an official at the game.

As they neared Woodrow on their return journey, Eld was forced to swerve the car into a guard rail to avoid colliding with another automobile, driven by Harry B. Scott, of Woodrow, who drove into the highway from a side road. Eld's car was damaged badly.

The occupants of the car were taken to a nearby home and given first aid treatment by Dr. R. E. Conner, of Hickory. They were later brought to their homes here.

### Farmer Waives Hearing To Court on Charge of Shooting Westland Boy

Oct 13 1931

J. M. K. Donaldson, Hickory farmer, last evening waived hearing to court when arraigned before Justice of the Peace J. A. McKnight at Houston on a charge of felonious assault and battery with firearms, and was held for the next term of court under bond of \$1,000, which was furnished. Donaldson is alleged to have wounded Mike Solitio, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Solitio, of Westland, when he caught the boy reaching for an apple on his property, which adjoins the Hickory High School holdings. The shooting occurred last Tuesday afternoon, while the boy was waiting for the school bus after classes had been dismissed for the day.

### Nov 1931 STUDENT LEADER



Charles H. Rasel, of Hickory, has been elected president of the Kapital Keystone Klub, of Capital University, Columbus, O. He is a Junior in the Theological Seminary of the Lutheran College and prominent in extra-curricular activities as student employment manager, and homecoming banquet chairman. Mr. Rasel is a son of Henry C. Rasel, of Hickory.



# PUBLIC SALE

OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned administrator of the estate of Tara S. Iiams, will offer at public sale on the premises, one mile West of Ellsworth and two miles Northeast of Scenery Hill, at what is known as Iiams' Bridge, on

**SATURDAY, NOV. 7, 1931,**  
At 1:00 O'clock, P. M.,

the following personal property, to-wit:

Household and kitchen furniture consisting of cupboards, beds, chairs, rugs, chests of drawers, stands, dishes, glassware, books, tables, 4 old guns, clock, mirror, crocks, kettles, dinner bell, and other household goods too numerous to mention, some of which are classed as antiques.

Also farming implements, including tools, seed sower, corn planter, grindstone, hay forks, axes, scythes, ladders, horse rake, mowing machine, grain drill, corn plow, lot of hay and baled straw, lumber, and many other articles used on a farm.

Terms of sale—Cash at time of sale. If items purchased are not paid for before sale adjourns, the same items may again be offered for sale.

E. J. IAMS,  
Administrator of Tara  
S. Iiams, Deceased.

McIlvaine & Williams, Attorneys,  
Col. W. W. Hixon, Auctioneer.  
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## ROBERT KIDD IS DEAD AT ELDERSVILLE HOME

One of Oldest and Most Highly Respected Citizens of Community Passes Away—  
Funeral Services Tomorrow

ELDERSVILLE, Dec. 13.—Robert Kidd, aged 74 years, one of Eldersville's oldest and most respected citizens, died in his home here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

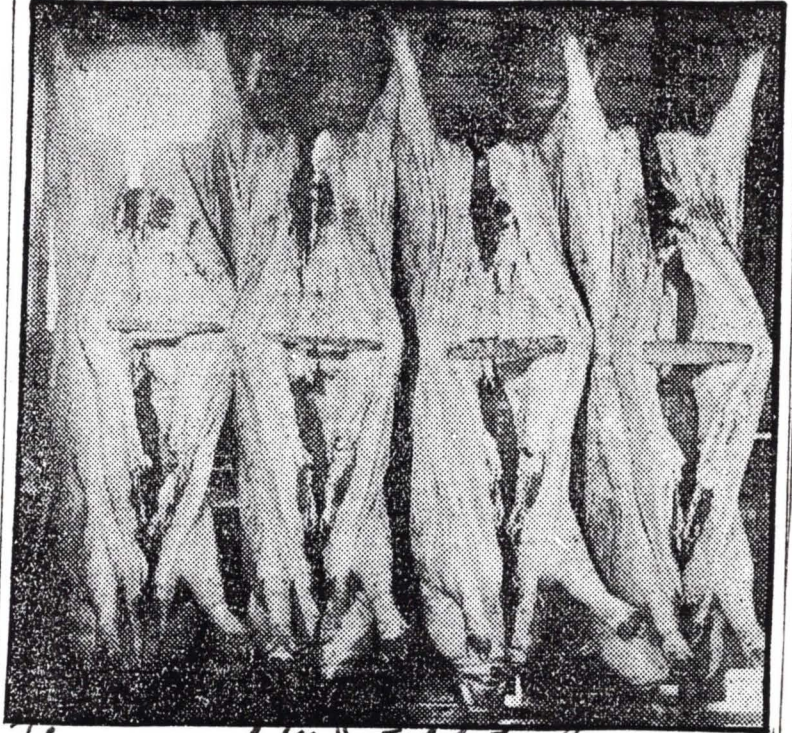
A son of the late David and Eliza Stewart Kidd, he was born near Londonderry, Guernsey County, Ohio, June 14, 1857. In 1868 he moved to Jefferson Township, Washington County, where he had since resided. Mr. Kidd was a progressive and active citizen, always interested in the civic and educational welfare of the community.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Kate Pettibon Kidd, and two children, Mrs. Merle Irwin, of Hanlin Station R. D., and Raymond Kidd, at home. There are six grandchildren. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Agnes Murchland, of Eldersville, and Mrs. G. F. Boles, of West Middletown.

Funeral services will be held in the Eldersville Methodist Protestant Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. H. M. Peterson. Interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery.

# Dress Almost 2,400 Pounds

Dec 31, 1931



*Shine raised by J. Edd. Tyle*

In order that the reading public may not get the idea that Greene County hogs are better than hogs raised elsewhere—and better as applied to hogs mean avoirdupois—a friend of Jesse L. Ramsey, of Florence, to the northwest of Burgettstown, submits some meat production figures that he thinks will stand for some time.

Last week Mr. Ramsey took four 14-month-old porkers to the Pyles place in Burgettstown, to be butchered and dressed, because he did not have at home the equipment needed to handle them. Alive, these hogs weighed 2,330 pounds, and dressed, their combined weight was 2,390 pounds. The separate figures for the four were 578 pounds, 592, 600, and 620. This weight included the head and feet.

The lard secured from the four measured 55 gallons, and one of the hams, dressed down pretty close, balanced the scales at just 62 pounds.

Until within the last six weeks these pachyderms were fed largely on skim milk and bread—the stale bread left over at bake shops. During the last six weeks they had a generous quantity of corn added to their diet.

Mr. Ramsey does not make a practice of raising pigs for market, but each season fattens out four for home consumption. Even at that, it looks like he would have to dispose of much of his pork somewhere outside the home.

The accompanying picture shows the four carcasses suspended on gambrels at the butchering place.

WILL TAKE PART IN STATE-WIDE CONTEST NEXT MONTH

Dec 28 1931



Members of the Claysville Grange, recently victorious in district competition, will take part in a state-wide dramatic contest at Harrisburg next month when the annual State Farm Show is held. They are shown in the picture in costume as follows: Front row, left to right—Delbert Hutchison, Jessie Bryan, Clark Post, Helen Woodburn; back row—Martha Johnson, director; Mrs. Delbert Hutchison, Ralph Miller, Gertrude McCrerey, and Wylie Crothers. The play they will present is "Detour Ahead."

AVELLA RECEIVER TOLD TO ACCEPT OFFER ON BONDS

Dec 22 1931  
Upon petition of Don S. Lane, receiver of the Lincoln National Bank, of Avella, the Court has authorized the receiver to accept the offer of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland to pay \$8,000 in settlement of the Company's liability on the bonds issued for and in behalf of Raymond M. Allison, S. S. Campbell and F. R. Westlake in full settlement of its claims. This settlement has been authorized by the Comptroller of Currency by letter dated August 1, 1931. Harry G. Wilson, former receiver of the bank, also approved the settlement.

The petition sets forth that the Fidelity and Deposit Company had insured Samuel S. Campbell, of Avella, former President of the bank, for \$5,000; Raymond M. Allison, of Avella, Assistant Cashier, for \$15,000 and Frank R. Westlake, of Avella, former teller for \$15,000. Suit had been brought to recover \$13,000 on the bond of Samuel S. Campbell, \$9,500 on the bond of Frank R. Westlake, and \$38,000 on the bond of Raymond M. Allison.

Receiver Authorized To Act by Court in Avella Bank Cases

Dec 20 1931

Upon petition of Don S. Lane, receiver of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella, the Court has made an order authorizing the receiver to convey lot No. 2 of the Gillespie Farm tract to J. A. Gillespie for \$210 in cash. Upon this lot is a two-story frame building with a store room on the first floor and living rooms on the second floor. E. Denny Brown had previously offered \$200, but it was stated that this was his highest bid. The receiver of this bank was also authorized by the Court to compromise a judgment against the Hopewell Oil and Gas Company for \$12,500 upon the payment by the company of \$125 and the delivery of a deed for a lot in the Campbell plan, at Avella, upon which is a building.

# MRS. HANNAH STEVENSON AGED 95, PASSES AWAY

Widow of James M. Stevenson,  
of Raccoon, Dies at Her  
Home Where She Had Re-  
sided for Seventy Years.

Bulger, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Hannah VanEman Stevenson, widow of James M. Stevenson, died this afternoon at her home in the Stevenson homestead at Raccoon Station. Mrs. Stevenson was in the 95th year of her age and her death was due to the infirmities of her advanced years.

She was a daughter of Garrett VanEman and was born near Burgettstown, but had spent 70 years of her life on the farm on which she died. She was one of a family of eight children, only one of whom now survives, G. S. VanEman, of Fort Collins, Col.

Mrs. Stevenson was one of the best known and most highly respected residents of this community and was almost a lifelong member of the Raccoon Presbyterian church, Candor.

Her husband, James M. Stevenson, died in October, 1910, at the age of 91 years. Of their nine children, all are living as follow: Miss Alice Stevenson, Miss Laura Stevenson, Rev. J. V. Stevenson, at home; Mrs. Bessie S. Kerr, Candor; Mrs. Amanda S. Borland, Washington; W. F. Stevenson, Riverside, Cal.; Rev. J. A. Stevenson, San Jose, Cal.; Dr. G. L. Stevenson, Sacramento, Cal.; Rev. Thomas E. Stevenson, Burbank, Cal.

Funeral services will be held at the Stevenson homestead, Raccoon Station, on Monday, January 18, at 1:30 p. m. The interment will be in the Raccoon church burial ground.

# SOCIETY 1921

## A Double Wedding.

Claysville, June 23.—At noon today, in the United Presbyterian church, the marriage of Miss Susannah McKeown to Dr. Harry Hutchison, and Miss Rosella McKeown to G. Virgil Hutchison took place with Dr. Alexander McLachlan, officiating. He was assisted by Dr. J. A. A. Craig, of Washington. The ring ceremony was used. Mendelssohn's wedding march and Gute Nacht by Eastman were played during the entrance of the bridal parties by Mrs. John Wright. "O Promise Me," was played during the ceremony. The brides, who are sisters, were given away by their brother C. B. McKeown. They were dressed in white satin and wore tulle veils caught with orange blossoms. They carried shower bouquets of brides' roses and lillies of the valley. Miss Susannah McKeown's maid of honor was Miss Ethel Hutchison; her bridesmaid Miss Gertrude Martin, of New Concord, O., and her flower girl Miss Winona Post, of Bridgeport, Conn. Miss Rosella McKeown's matron of honor was Mrs. C. B. McKeown; her bridesmaid Myrtle Campsey, and flower girl Mary Hutchison. The honor attendants and bridesmaids wore peach and orchid-colored organdies. Dr. Harry Hutchison's best man was Claire Sidal, of Dayton, O. G. Virgil Hutchison's best man was Perry McCleary. The ushers were Delbert Hutchison, William Hutchison, David Reed, Jr., and Ralph McCleary. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding dinner and reception were given to about 50 friends and relatives by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. E. McLain at their home. The aids at the reception were Misses Ethel Pettit, Lena Sprowls, Georgene Holmes, Daisy Grimes, Helen McLain, Eula McGill, Jean Lyle and Mary Knox. Mrs. Harry Hutchison is a graduate of Muskingum college and a teacher in the academy at that place. Dr. Hutchison is a graduate of Muskingum college and the Western Reserve Medical college. He spent the past year in the Allegheny General hospital, doing his interne work. He and his bride will leave early in the fall for Egypt, where Dr. Hutchison will be engaged as a medical missionary for the United Presbyterian church. Mrs. Virgil Hutchison is also a graduate of Muskingum college. Mr. Hutchison attended State college. He is a World war veteran and saw service in both France and Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison will reside on a farm near Claysville. Out-of-town guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McKeown, of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bremner and Thomas Bremner, of Havana, Cuba; Miss Grace McCreary, Mrs. H. L. Finley, Miss Gertrude Martin, Mrs. Edna Anderson and son Homer, of New Concord, O.; Miss Evelyn Goff, Miss Mildred Miskimen, Newcomerstown, O.; Miss Lena Pollock, of St. Clairsville, O.; Rev. J. A. A. Craig and family, of Washington, and Robert Gilmore, of Pittsburg.

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ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 30.—Dr. J. Knox Montgomery, 70, president of Muskingum College, and moderator of the United Presbyterian Assembly, died here today in Bethesda Hospital from a complication of diseases. He had been ill for nine weeks.



The end came after a restless night. Members of his family, who were summoned by Drs. Harry and Myron Powelson when Dr. Montgomery's condition became grave, were with him. They had remained at the Montgomery home in New Concord, making daily visits to the hospital.

Dr. Montgomery was born in

Belfast, Tenn., in 1861, the son of the Rev. Andrew Spence Montgomery and Lavina Grace Montgomery. His life story was that of another of the powerful educators who came to the Middle West from the South to bring a blending of southern tradition and middle western efficiency.

### EARLY EDUCATION

He studied first at Enfield (Ill.) College and then at Indiana State University, from which he graduated in 1884. He received degrees from Xenia Theological Seminary in 1887, from Sterling College in 1904 and West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1922.

He was married to Emma Zetta Patton, of Harshville, O., and ordained for the United Presbyterian ministry in 1887. He served as pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, Harshville, from 1887 until 1890. Thence he went to Sparta, Ill.; Cincinnati, O.; Chicago, Ill., and Charlotte, N. C. He became president of Muskingum College in 1904.

### SERVED AS EDITOR

He was editor of the Evangel, a monthly church publication, from 1894 until 1902; of the Christian Union Herald, 1898 until 1914; of a department of the Christian Instructor, from 1900 until 1905, and of the Reformed Presbyterian, from 1903 until 1904.

Dr. Montgomery was general secretary of the young people's work of his denomination in the South in 1903 and 1904. The presidency of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League was held by Dr. Montgomery in 1914, and he also headed the Ohio and National Anti-Cigarette Alliance. During the World War he served as a Y. M. C. A. secretary.

He leaves six children, Mrs. Mary Grace Moore; John Knox Montgomery, Jr., the Rev. Donal Montgomery, Mrs. J. J. McIlvaine, Prof. Robert Nathaniel Montgomery and the Rev. Paul Spence Montgomery.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1930

# Golden Wedding Held by Descendants of Pioneer Residents of Eldersville

Tuesday, May 6, was the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. B. McCready, natives and former residents of Jefferson township, now retired for several years to Follansbee, W. Va. A quiet celebration was arranged by their nephews and nieces and held at the home in Follansbee, on Tuesday afternoon, May 6.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde V. Melvin, of Avella; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cassidy, Eldersville, and their children, Florence, Eleanor, Kermit, Delbert, Fred, Junior and Vivian; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Cassidy, Rochester; McCready Wright and sister, Miss Mary Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Lorin McCready, all of the Eldersville vicinity. Also J. Mac Morton, of Brooke county, Virginia. A fine dinner was served, after which a program, very much enjoyed by those present, was given, as follows.

A poem by Mulloch, Harlan Cassidy.

An Old Sweetheart of Mine, Mrs. Gretta McCready.

A duet, Whispering Hope, Misses Florence and Eleanor Cassidy.

"How I Courted Sal," by J. Mac Morton.

"When I Was Young, Maggie," duet, Fred and Harlan Cassidy.

"The Old Mill Wheel," reading, Eleanor Cassidy.

"Yearning," duet, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Cassidy.

Mac Morton, who is a well-known entertainer, in response to an encore, gave several other selections. The well-known hymn, "God Be With You," closed the program.

Robert William Boyd McCready and Nancy Elizabeth Cassidy, both of the Melvin school district, Jefferson township, were married May 6, 1880 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cassidy, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. T. Wilson, pastor of the Eldersville, and Bethel Methodist Protestant churches, who occupied the pulpit eight years, making the longest pastorate of any minister ever here. The guests present were uncles and aunts and the minister and his wife. Oliver Scott, a cousin, was also a guest. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, Mr. and Mrs. James Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Magee, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Wilson and Oliver Scott, who with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cassidy, and her sister,

Miss Margaret Ann, and brother, Robert M. Cassidy, made the wedding party. Of all these the only ones living now are Robert M. Cassidy and Oliver Scott.

At the anniversary last week Mrs. McCready proudly exhibited a handsome pair of No. 2 slippers in which she was married 50 years ago.

Both the McCready and Cassidy families settled here in this new country before the beginning of the last century. John Cassidy and brother, who had been employed in Du Pont powder works, came here and took up an extensive tract of land. He later bought a farm in the Melvin district about the year 1797. This farm was occupied by the Cassidys until six years ago, or about 125 years, when his grandson, Robert M. Cassidy, left and moved to Burgettstown.

The McCreadys were among the very earliest settlers here. Major Robert McCready, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, a soldier of the Revolution, settled here about 1770, on the farm now owned by Robert McCready, and at present occupied by Lorin McCready, although he is said to have come here several years earlier.

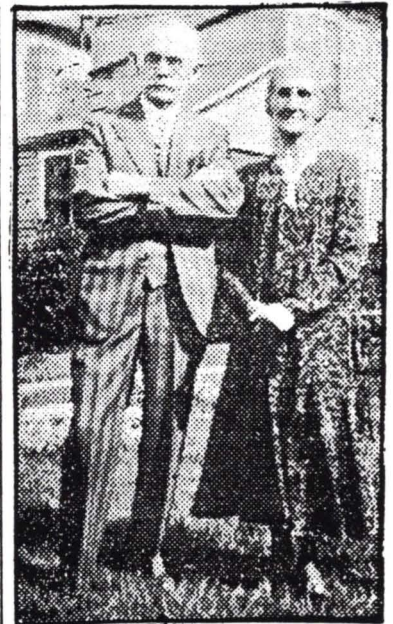
The country was then covered with dense forests. In the manner of the times he had bells on his horses and when he wanted

to find them had sometimes to go as far as the Scott farm, now owned by Mr. Baker. It was just about the time that the Indians were doing their worst pillaging in this part of the state. John Yeaman was killed near the McCready place and about the same

time John Robison was murdered on what is now the Riddle farm. Doubtless there are a few farms in the county which have been so long in the possession and direct line of one family with only three generations, Squire Robert McCready, his son, William, and the

present owner, Robert McCready. The farm lies a mile south of

Eldersville in fair view of the village.



### MRS. ROBERT MCCREADY

Mrs. Nancy E. Cassidy McCready, 85, wife of Robert McCready and former resident of Washington County, died at 9:10 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1941, in Ohio Valley Hospital at Steubenville, O., following a stroke suffered a few hours earlier.

Mrs. McCready was born July 15, 1856, in Jefferson Township, Washington County, near Eldersville. She was a daughter of the late William and Mary Smith Cassidy, early settlers at Eldersville, and was the last surviving member of their family. She was a member of Bethel Methodist Church. Mrs. McCready had resided at 611 Mahan avenue, Follansbee, W. Va., since 1919.

Surviving are her husband and the following nephews and nieces: Mrs. Clyde Melvin, of Eldersville. Mrs. J. Mac Morton, of R. D. 1, Colliers, W. Va., McCready Wright, of Hanlin Station, Fred Cassidy, of Byresdale, and Harlan Cassidy, of Coraopolis.

Friends will be received at the Gardner and James Funeral Home, 1245 Main street, Follansbee, W. Va., where funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m., conducted by the Rev. Charles H. Beck, pastor of Bethel and Eldersville Methodist Churches. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Hudson Tucker

Florence, Jan. 22.—Hudson Tucker, aged about 70, a highly esteemed and well known resident of Hanover township, died Monday, January 11, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Cora Hobbs, three miles east of Chester, W. Va., where he had been taken only the Saturday before. Mr. Tucker, a member of one of the township's oldest families, was the son, of Jonathan and Elizabeth Johnston Tucker and one of a family of 14 children, four of whom died in early youth. Since the marriage of his sister, Cora, he, the last one on the old homestead, had been living alone. In failing health for some time, he had kept up until the last week before his death. Mr. Tucker lived on a part of the original Tomahawk land tract taken out in Indian times by his great grandfather, John Tucker, from Massachusetts, when Vances Fort, near Cross Creek was the nearest place of refuge from the Indians and where the grandfather of the deceased was born after the Tucker family had fled to that fort for safety during a raid by the savages. Mr. Tucker was a great reader and well informed. Surviving are two brothers, Alfred and Wesley, of near Florence, three sisters, Amanda, widow of Rev. A. F. Alexander, of Dormont, Mrs. Sarah, wife of Stewart Hanlin, of Paris; and Mrs. Fred Hobbs, Chester, W. Va. An older brother, whom the deceased saw only in his infancy, was David, who early in life went and became a great traveler, visiting many parts of the world, finally married and settled in Australia, where he remained. Funeral services were held Thursday at Tuckers church at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Mr. McCloud, of East Liverpool. Interment in the Chestnut Ridge cemetery.

Thomas Plotts

Florence, Jan. 22.—The funeral of Thomas Plotts, of Florence, who died the first of the week, was held in the church at Florence, Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., with interment in Chestnut Ridge cemetery. Just as the services were concluded in the church for Mr. Tucker, the funeral cortege of Mr. Plotts arrived which caused two burials to be in progress at the same time.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Eastern Standard time, conducted by the Rev. C. A. Chapman, of the M. E. church., assisted by the Rev. W. A. Monks, of the Presbyterian church. The Masonic ritual service will be conducted at the grave by the Wellsburg Lodge, assisted by the Burgettstown lodge. The interment will be in the Independence cemetery.

# JAMES F. WESTLAKE IS DEAD AT INDEPENDENCE

Civil War Veteran and Many Years Postmaster, Dies After General Decline—Was Aged 80 Years.

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Independence, May 20.—The death of James Fletcher Westlake, a veteran of the Civil war and for many years postmaster at this place, occurred this morning at 4:20 o'clock at his home in the village, following a general decline due to his advanced age. He was past 80 years of age. Mr. Westlake had enjoyed good health until a few weeks ago when he became ill of heart trouble and he declined rapidly until his death this morning. He had been able to be about the house, however, until one week ago.

Mr. Westlake, who was a son of the late James and Mary Miller Westlake, was born April 13, 1846, in West Middletown, where he spent his early boyhood days. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted with Co. H, 162nd regiment, Ohio volunteers, and went to the front. He saw active service during the war and when this great struggle was ended he enlisted in the Regular Army and was sent to the Dakotas, where he saw three years of frontier duty against the Sioux Indians.

Upon his return from the army he was united in marriage to Mary Fouche, of Fayette county, whose death occurred November 7, 1913. He had learned the trade of custom stoemaking with his father, and after his marriage followed this vocation and for many years conducted a shop in this place. A number of years ago Mr. Westlake was named postmaster here, and served in this capacity well for a period of years. He resigned from this position a short time ago owing to his age and impaired health.

In politics Mr. Westlake was a Republican and a strong supporter of his party principles. For many years he had been a member of the M. E. church of this place and was a member of the official board. Fraternally he was a member of the Wellsburg Masonic Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M.

Mr. Westlake, who was twice married is survived by his wife, who was Miss Annie Plummer, and the following children by the first marriage, Edward F. Westlake, principal of the East Washington schools; Frank Westlake of Avella, and Mrs. R. E. Scott, of Hickory. Three brothers and one sister also survive: John Westlake, Canton O.; William Westlake, Salt Lake City, Utah; Rev. Cassius Westlake, Denver, Col., and Mrs. Jennie Fouche, who lived at the Westlake home here.

# JAMES A. M'CALMONT WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF COUNTY, IS DEAD

James A. McCalmont, aged 64 years of Eighty-Four, R. D. 3, died yesterday evening at 7:10 o'clock in the Washington hospital. He had been in poor health for the past two years, but had been a patient in the hospital for only a short time. He was a farmer and for many years had resided near the North Buffalo United Presbyterian church, removing to the Eighty-Four section about a year ago.

Mr. McCalmont was a son of the late Alexander and Mary Allison McCalmont and was born in Mt. Pleasant township in June, 1847. He was for many years a member of the North Buffalo church, but since removing from that vicinity had attended the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Farrer McCalmont, and the following children: Mary, at home; Robert, of Eighty-Four; Mrs. J. A. Cowden, of Hickory; Mrs. Arthur Reed, of Taylorstown, and Mrs. Lawrence Ely, of East Buffalo. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. A. V. Lindsay, of Houston; S. A. McCalmont and Mrs. E. Maude McCabe, of Hickory; Mrs. W. J. Conner and Mrs. Lillian M. Lane, of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at his late home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The interment will be in the Washington cemetery.

## OBITUARY

### Miss Alice Campbell 1923

Avella, Oct. 26.—Miss Alice Campbell, aged 43 years, died Saturday in the Allegheny General hospital. She was a daughter of John A. and Hannah Cummins Campbell of Crosscreek township. She leaves her father, three brothers and five sisters: Hays Campbell, of Midway; Van Eman Campbell, of Belmont, Ohio; Cummins Campbell, of Washington; Mrs. Henry White, of Crosscreek; Mrs. George A. Peckins, of Missouri; Mrs. John T. Tuttle and Mrs. George Hopkins, of Carnegie, and Miss Pansy Campbell, of Pittsburg. Funeral services will be held in the Cakdale United Presbyterian church Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. The interment will be in the Crosscreek cemetery.

# WIDELY KNOWN WAR VETERAN DIES AT BURGETTSTOWN

Benjamin F. McClure, Aged 81  
Years, Was Long Business  
Man in Panhandle Town—  
Was Born in Washington.

## WOUNDED AT PETERSBURG

Burgettstown, July 11.—Benjamin F. McClure, in his 81st year, one of Burgettstown's leading citizens and veteran of the Civil war, died at his home here yesterday after a lingering illness.

Wounded in the left leg at Petersburg, Va., when a mine exploded after the Union forces had stormed and taken the ramparts of a Confederate fort, Mr. McClure never fully recovered from it and in his last years had been forced to use crutches.

Mr. McClure was long engaged in the hardware business here, being associated until his retirement, with his brother, A. C. McClure, who still conducts a store.

Politically Mr. McClure was a Republican and during the administration of President Harrison was appointed and served as postmaster here.

Mr. McClure was born at Washington, February 12, 1846, being a son of Dr. Robert and Eleanor McClure. He attended school at Washington, Ginger Hill and West Middletown.

February 23, 1864, Mr. McClure enlisted in Company A, 100th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, more commonly known as the Roundheads and served with that regiment in much of its hardest fighting, including the campaign of The Wilderness. He returned to West Middletown after his honorable discharge, July 24, 1865.

A few years later Mr. McClure came to Burgettstown, engaged in the hardware business and had been actively identified with its life and affairs ever since.

November 21, 1915, Mr. McClure was married to Margaret Nelson, who survives. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church of this place. His brother A. C. McClure, is the only other surviving member of his family.

Funeral services will be held at the McClure home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, eastern standard time. Members of William F. Templeton Post, No. 120, G. A. R., of Washington, of which he was a member, will have charge of the service. Interment will be in the Robinson cemetery.

# SAMUEL N. CAMPBELL DIES IN 70TH YEAR

Well Known Race Horse Trainer  
of Burgettstown Passes  
Away in Pittsburgh Hospital  
—Funeral Wednesday.

BURGETTSTOWN, Dec. 21.—Samuel Newton Campbell, of this place, died at 9 a. m. today in the Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, in his 70th year.

A son of John P. Campbell and Jane E. Rankin Campbell, he was born August 9, 1862, near here, on the Hickory-Burgettstown road. He has never married. He was well known in this district as a race horse trainer and for years appeared at harness meetings in the Tri-state district.

Three sisters and a brother survive. They are: Mrs. John Corns, Burgettstown, R. D.; Mrs. Morris Pier, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Miss Etta Campbell, Burgettstown, R. D., and J. E. Campbell, of Burgettstown.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock, in the home of his brother, J. E. Campbell. Interment will be in the Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

# SIMON F. ASHBROOK

Well Known Washington Man  
Dies at Age of 74 Years.

Simon F. Ashbrook, a native of Buffalo township, but for several years a resident of Washington, died yesterday afternoon at 145 Allison avenue. Mr. Ashbrook had been ailing for some time, and his condition had been serious for several days.

It is thought that his illness was partly due to an injury received many years ago in a barn raising.

Mr. Ashbrook was born in Buffalo township, on February 23, 1836. He received his education in the public schools of the district where he was born. Like his forefathers he took up farming and stock raising and followed that business for several years.

Mr. Ashbrook's parents were Absalom and Elizabeth Braddock Ashbrook.

Retiring from work he moved to Washington and had resided here for a number of years.

On November 3, 1859, he was married to Mary, daughter of Jacob Weirich, a well known family of the same section where Mr. Ashbrook was raised. To this union were born six children, five of whom are living. They are: Edward Ashbrook, of west of Washington, on the national pike; Dr. Samuel Ashbrook, dentist, of East Wheeling street, Washington; Dr. Benton Ashbrook, a dentist, of Wilmington, Delaware; Mrs. John Flack, of Buffalo township, and Mrs. Maude McDivitt, wife of Rev. M. M. McDivitt, of the Center Presbyterian church, near Canonsburg.

Mr. Ashbrook was a member of the Presbyterian church, being a member of the Third Presbyterian church of Washington at the time of his death. Mrs. Ashbrook survives her husband. In politics Mr. Ashbrook was a Democrat.

About one year ago Mr. Ashbrook and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. One brother A. L., of West Beau street and two sisters Mrs. Mary Little, of Allison avenue, and Mrs. William Hastings, of Corpus Christi, Texas, also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Ashbrook home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be in charge of the Rev. Matthew Rutherford, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church. The interment will be in the Washington cemetery.

Watch Services

# Historian Pens History Of Doddridge Family

DESCENDANTS OF PROMINENT FAMILY WILL GATHER AT FOLLANSBEE, SUNDAY

INTERESTING HISTORY OF DODDRIDGE FAMILY PRESENTED BY KATHERINE BRYAN

The Doddridge family reunion to be held at Follansbee Municipal Park this Sunday is an event of more than unusual interest because of the prominence of the progenitors, Dr. Joseph Doddridge, eminent minister, physician and author, and Hon. Phillip Doddridge, member of congress, statesman and noted orator.

The Daily Herald has been fortunate in securing a Historical Narrative of these two distinguished pioneer citizens of Wellsburg and Brooke county, whose influence extended over the tri-state district and whose reputations were nation wide.

The Historical Narrative was written by Katherine A. Polsley Brown, of Columbus, O., historian of the Doddridge family, especially for The Daily Herald.

It is an annual Historical Narrative containing accurate and new data of the two distinguished Doddridge men, and Captain Oliver Brown, Wellsburg famous Revolutionary soldier.

Additional copies of the Daily Herald will be available at the office for sometime to supply the demand of those who will want to file copies of the paper containing this Historical Narrative, and send

them to friends and former residents of Wellsburg.

REV. DR. JOSEPH DODDRIDGE  
By Katherine A. Polsley Bryan,  
Historian

Dr. Doddridge, born Oct. 14, 1769 at Friend's Cove, near Bedford, Pa., died Nov. 9, 1826 at Wellsburg, West Virginia. In 1793 he was married to Jemina Bukey, the 16 year old daughter of Captain John Bukey. Twelve children were born to the union.

At the age of 23, Joseph—who had received his early education in Maryland, but later attended the Jefferson Academy at Cannonsburg, Pa.—was ordained Deacon in the Episcopal church of Philadelphia by the Right Reverend Bishop White.

He was the son of John Doddridge, of English descent, who built the Doddridge Fort in Washington County, Pa. in 1773, which was one of the most important forts on the frontier. John Doddridge was buried in the little graveyard attached to Doddridge Chapel which had been founded by his son Joseph, a short distance from the Fort. In later years his body was removed to the Brooke Cemetery, at Wellsburg, West Virginia, along with that of his first wife, Mary Wells Doddridge.

The chosen profession of Joseph Doddridge was the ministry. But the ministry—being far from adequate in salary to rear and educ-

ate a large family—must needs find a supplement to the family income. Babies came fast to encourage him to additional effort.

The study and practice of medicine presenting the next strong appeal, Joseph became an excellent physician. Honorary Membership was conferred upon him in the "Medical and Surgical Society" of Ohio.

Now he was writing books that received considerable attention. As "Minister, Physician, and Author, each profession was raised and graced."

Among the many books he wrote were "A Treatise on Bee-keeping," "Early Settlement and Indian Wars of Western Parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania," (Doddridge Notes) and "Logan, the Last of the Shikellimus," 1823.

"I appeal to the White Man, ungrateful to say, If he e'er from my cabin went hungry away? If naked and cold to Logan he came, And he gave him no blanket, and kindled no flame?"

'Is the memory of our forefathers unworthy of historic commemoration? No people on earth ever acted more nobly or more bravely than did they who have removed every obstacle from our path and left every laudable object within our reach. Something is due to the memory of our forefathers who

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succeeded in subduing the forest and turning the wilderness into fruitful fields," said Joseph. — (Doddridge Notes.)

For a quarter of a century, Rev. Dr. Doddridge occupied the position of advance guard in the ministry in Virginia and Ohio. These are the early churches founded by him in North-Western Virginia and Ohio:

1792 the church at West Liberty.

1793 St. John's Church, North-West Virginia.

1795 St. Paul's Church in Brooke County, Virginia. (now West Virginia.)

1798 the church in Steubenville, Ohio.

1814 the church of St. James on Cross Creek, Jefferson Co., Ohio.

1818 the church at Zanesville, Ohio.

"Dr. Doddridge was the State of West Virginia's first historian," said R. C. Hall, author.

The first Episcopal church west of the Alleghenies, was built by Dr. Joseph Doddridge, at Wellsburg. He lies buried in Brooke Cemetery. Others in Brooke Co. are Narcissa, daughter of Joseph; and his parents, John and Mary Wells Doddridge; also Juliana, wife of Hon. Philip Doddridge. Elizabeth, second wife of John D., married Josiah Reeves, and rests in the same cemetery. She descends from the proud old Danish House of "Schrimptse."

HON. PHILIP DODDRIDGE, U. S. CONGRESSMAN  
By Katherine A. Polsley Bryan

Phillip Doddridge, second son of John Doddridge, pioneer of Washington Co. Pa., was born May 7, 1773 in Bedford Co. Pa. He died Nov. 19, 1832 at Washington, D. C. He married Juliana Parr Musser, April 30, 1800, and they became the parents of ten children. Only a brief sketch of this illustrious man is practical, since numerous histories, written by men of prominence, include detailed information of the distinguished Congressman.

We were further indebted to this ancient citizen for an anecdote that is lovingly repeated by the older inhabitants of Doddridge County. Our informant was Mr. Bee, in his 91st year. He said:

"One day the pious preacher, Rev. Joseph Doddridge, thought it incumbent upon himself to reprimand his younger brother for having disgraced (according to the saintly Joseph) from the straight and narrow path. But it appeared the more Joseph admonished, the wittier grew the repartee of the irrepressible Philip.

"All remonstrances fell upon un-fertile soil; words came fast—war waxed the argument. Finally becoming righteously indignant, and rising to his great height, Joseph said, 'Never mind Phil, when my time comes to respond to the call up yonder, I shall embrace my opportunity by reporting to the judge of all judges, at the final bar of justice, your misdeeds down here,'

"With his habitual ready wit the merry Philip replied, 'Alright, Parson Joe, if you do such a thing as that, you'll be the first Doddridge who ever turned State's evidence!'"

And these were two great men of their day! Both were Masons.

A fact seldom recorded is included here for the reflections of his descendants. In 1830, Philip Doddridge and Alexander Campbell led a delegation of protest to the convention at Richmond.

Philip Doddridge lies in the National Cemetery at Washington, D. C.

John D. wed 2nd, Elizabeth Shrimplin; one of their 6 children was Eleanor. Joseph and Philip were 1-2 brothers of Eleanor Doddridge who married John Brown, wealthy merchant, who was a son of Captain Oliver Brown, Wellsburg's most famous officer of the Revolutionary War. He carried off the leaden statue of King George, and melted it into bullets with which to fire upon the British soldiers. He was at the Boston Tea-party with his brother, Deacon Solomon Brown who fired the first shot in the War of the Revolution, the "SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD."

In Brooke Cemetery stands the monument that persons descending from both the Doddridge and Brown families, will view at the re-union, when they journey from other states.

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 other lawyer in the state."

This brilliant advocate of the  
 legal profession was elected a  
 member of the Virginia legislature  
 in 1816, and again in 1829 he was  
 elected to the United States Con-  
 gress, where, taking foremost rank  
 in the House, he continued a mem-  
 ber until his death. Senator Wil-  
 ley said of him, "He possessed  
 wonderful powers of condensation.  
 The proper words seem always to  
 have fallen in the proper place—  
 there was neither too many nor  
 too few."

Daniel Webster, upon viewing  
 his body after death, remarked to  
 his widow, "Philip Doddridge was  
 the only man with whom I feared  
 to debate."

Chief Justice Marshall declared  
 that, "As a lawyer, Doddridge was  
 second to no one at the bar of  
 the United States Court."

When in 1845, the legislature  
 created a new county of parts of  
 Lewis, Harrison Tyler and Rit-  
 chie Counties, the new one was  
 named "Doddridge" County, in  
 honor of Philip Doddridge.

The Honorable Philip Doddridge  
 died suddenly at Washington, D. C.  
 in the 60th year of his age, while  
 attending a sitting of a committee  
 of the Houses, which was prepar-  
 ing a code of laws for the Govern-  
 ment of the District of Columbia.

President John Quincy Adams  
 and his entire cabinet paid their  
 respects in a body, by visiting the  
 grief stricken home and attending  
 the funeral of Honorable Philip  
 Doddridge. (National Biog. No. 2,  
 P 521; also Doddridge Notes.)

In the fall of 1933, your chron-  
 icler journeyed to West Union,  
 Doddridge County, West Virginia.  
 Here we encountered its oldest  
 citizen—a courteous, elderly gen-  
 tleman of the school of long-ago.  
 Upon learning that we were des-  
 cendants of Eleanor, sister of West  
 Virginia's famous lawyer and con-  
 gressman, Philip Doddridge, he at  
 once informed us of the pride  
 and esteem the Doddridge brothers  
 were regarded by West Virginians,  
 even to the present day. He stated  
 that his own source of regard was  
 founded upon the fact that Philip  
 Doddridge was the first person to  
 re-codify the Constitution.

nan,  
 Judge Samuel Haymond Polsley,  
 Editor of a Whig newspaper at  
 Wellsburg, the "Western Tran-  
 script." He was the delegate to  
 the famous Wheeling Conven-

Judge Polsley later became  
 Lieut. Governor of West Virginia.  
 He was the father of thirteen chil-  
 dren, among whom was James M.,  
 father of the writer, who was him-  
 self born at Wellsburg, April 15,  
 1845. He was the youthful com-  
 panion of General U. S. Grant on  
 his campaigns in the Civil War,  
 later prominent as Capt. Polsley  
 on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Doddridge descendants date  
 their ancestry back to the days of  
 the Norman Conquest, the first re-  
 presentative being Thomas de  
 Dudderigge, Lord of the Manor  
 at Crediton, County of Devon, En-  
 gland.

"DODDRIDGE DESCENDANTS"  
 is the title of the book being com-  
 piled by Mrs. Katherine A. Polsley  
 Bryan, who has been engaged for  
 the past six years in making an  
 extensive research in both England  
 and America to collect data on the  
 famous old family. The book,  
 which will soon go to press, is a  
 large one containing historic notes,  
 genealogy and biographical sketch-  
 es of many famous Doddridges.  
 The most famous persons of the  
 line, were Sir John Doddridge,  
 Chief Justice of the Court of King  
 James, and Rev. Philip Doddridge  
 D. D., eminent Divine and Hymn-  
 ologist.

There are many descendants of  
 Hon. Philip Doddridge living in  
 and around Charleston, W. Va.,  
 while descendants of Eleanor  
 Doddridge and John Brown in W.  
 Va. are the Crows, Armtrongs and  
 Rymers of Ripley, W. Va. Still  
 others are Daniel Gist and sister  
 Mrs. Mae Gist Alexander of Let-  
 art; and Ralph Polsley of Letart.  
 Daniel Polsley Crow, living at Point  
 Pleasant is also a descendant.

Descendants of other sisters and  
 brothers of Dr. Joseph and Hon.  
 Philip Doddridge, living in Ohio  
 and Indiana will be in the caravan  
 arriving at Wellsburg, Sunday,  
 Aug. 8, 1937.

Perhaps the greater number at-  
 tending the reunion will be des-  
 cendants of the Doddridge—Huff  
 family. Hannah Huff, sister of  
 John Doddridge, Pioneer of In-  
 dependence township, Washington,  
 Co., has numerous descendants  
 living in West Virginia, as well as  
 of Ohio and other states. Truman  
 C. Huff is President of the Dod-  
 dridge Society, founded by Mrs.  
 Bryan in 1935, at Columbus, Ohio.