

HICKORY MAN IS DEAD IN PITTSBURG

Robert Miller An Eccentric Character Passes Away Suddenly in Home on Northside Where He Had Sought Shelter.

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—A man giving the name of Robert Miller and his address as Hickory, applied at the residence of Harry Taylor, 1109 Race street, Northside, Saturday night, for shelter. He told Mr. Taylor that he had no money and nowhere to go. Taylor told him the only place he had for him was in the kitchen, and the man was satisfied. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning Taylor found the man dead. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of death.

Hickory, Feb. 24.—Robert Miller was well known in this locality, having worked for different farmers and dairymen during the past six or eight years. He was a bachelor about 50 years old of eccentric habits and of his genealogy, very little is known. He was a good workman and strictly honest which is shown by the fact that on various occasions when in the city without funds, it was his habit to borrow from persons from Hickory amounts ranging from two dollars down to five cents. Then after returning home and securing work he would always pay back to his benefactors the exact amount borrowed and it mattered not whether there were five or 25 he never made a mistake.

Several months ago one of his feet was frozen by exposure to the cold which later developed into gangrene. This together with his weakened condition and neglect probably caused his death.

The body was taken to the Allegheny county morgue where it was identified by E. G. Miller, a nephew. As yet no arrangements for the funeral have been made.

Child Drowned/928 in Water Trough

Walter Craig Lee, 18-Months-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Lee Meets Tragic Death.

Crosscreek, Aug. 31.—Falling into a water trough in the yard of the home, Walter Craig Lee, aged 18 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, of this place, was drowned last evening about 5:30 o'clock. The little boy was dead when discovered by Jennie Bowers, who is employed at the Lee home.

The tot managed to get out of the house unnoticed and was attracted to the trough, which had been made from a joint of tile. The child is supposed to have climbed upon the trough and toppled over into the water. It was probably several minutes after the boy had dropped into the water that the lifeless body was found.

The parents of the child are grief-stricken. The grandfather, W. Craig Lee, is on a western trip but has been notified of the tragic death of his grandson and will return immediately.

The funeral services will be held at the residence Tuesday afternoon 2 o'clock. The interment will be at Crosscreek cemetery.

Geodetic Survey Expedition Running Over Network Here

October 1, 1933

A piece of highly technical work is being done by an expedition from the United States Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey, which is camped at Washington Park, with another party now encamped at Independence. The work is that of "running over" the "triangular network" of the Survey in this district, which means reestablishing the lines by which practically all latitude and longitude reckoning is made. Lieutenant Anderson, of the Navy, is in charge of the party here.

Many local residents were curious last night about a lighted tripod on the college campus, which

stood over the meridian marker there, the only such marker in this section of the country. This light was one point in the survey, which is made at night because of the use of stars. Another point used last night was the tower of the Washington Trust Building.

Incidentally, the meridian marker on the campus is being taken into the Geodetic Survey's triangular network for the first time.

The party will be here for a week or 10 days, it was said last night. While here they are being aided in their work by Prof. O. F. H. Bert, professor of applied mathematics and astronomy at Washington and Jefferson College.

RECORD SNOW 20 YEARS AGO

Twenty years ago, Monday, November 10, 1913, Washington and environs was nearly isolated from the outside world, due to the heaviest early fall of snow in the history of the County, so far as the oldest citizen could remember. The town and surrounding sections were buried under tons of snow; business was at a standstill, and owing to telegraph and telephone service being impaired it was impossible for a time to get into communication with outside points.

The schools of Washington and East Washington were closed for the day, but by the following morning the principal streets were opened, and the pupils were in school as usual.

The night previous to the big snowfall rain began falling but before daybreak snow was falling and the wind blew incessantly causing huge drifts in many places.

About 100 passengers on the early Waynesburg & Washington Railroad were held up, owing to masses of snow drifted onto the track, near the home of Poor Director William Courson, two or three miles from Washington. Mr. Courson kindly sheltered over 70 of the number until the road was opened up to travel the following day. Among the number was Senator A. B. Cummins and wife of Des Moines, Iowa, who had been spending a few days with kinsfolk and friends in Greene County. A few young men of Washington, aboard the train, braved the elements by completing the journey homeward on foot, and it required several laborious hours to make the trip.

It so chanced that the Courson home was well prepared for such a sudden and unexpected influx of visitors. A couple of big porkers had been butchered the Saturday previous and, as was usual, an ample supply of flour was on hand, and right royally the marooned guests were entertained. As was stated in The Reporter that evening, each traveler could not be furnished with a downy feather bed, but sleeping quarters were furnished for all.

In conveying all these passengers from the scene of their tie-up to his home, Mr. Courson used a four-horse team hitched to a wagon on which were hay ladders, covered with blankets; and it was with the greatest difficulty that the team and wagon were taken to the snow-bound railroad cars.

Senator Cummins remembered the members of the Courson family for years afterward, and showed his appreciation of their hospitality tangibly by sending valuable presents.

W. & W. officials visited the Courson home soon after trains were running on schedule again, to pay the expenses incurred in caring for the passengers while the road was being cleared for travel; and when the bill was presented, the officers were surprised beyond measure by the small amount asked, and gladly doubled the figure suggested by Mr. Courson.

Though a digression, it might be stated that on the Saturday afternoon previous to the big storm, the Washington and Jefferson football team met West Virginia University gridgers and won the game by 34 to 0.

MISS LIVONIA REED, OF CROSS CREEK, IS DEAD

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REA, Nov. 24—Miss A. Livonia Reed, well known Cross Creek Township school teacher, died in her home here tonight at 9:30 o'clock.

For years she taught school in this district, was a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church and of the Cross Creek Grange No. 954. She was an active worker in all societies of the church.

Four sisters and a brother survive, Mrs. A. C. Wilson, of Rea; Mrs. Irene J. Chapman and J. Winfield Reed, of Washington, and the Misses Alice and Mabel Reed, at home.

Funeral services will be held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in charge of Rev. R. E. Kaufman. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

MISS BELLE V. MARQUIS IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Nov 25 1933

Miss Belle V. Marquis died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of her brother-in-law, Robert C. Crouch, 148 Penn street. Funeral services will be held at the Crouch home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Washington Cemetery.

Miss Marquis was a daughter of the late Rev. John S. Marquis. She was born near Cross Creek but spent most of her years in Washington. She had spent some time in the South and in California. One brother, Hugh M. Marquis, of New Castle, survives. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

MRS. JOHN M. MOORE IS FOUND DEAD IN HER BED

1933

BURGETTSTOWN, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Margaret Scott Moore, widow of John M. Moore, died suddenly Monday afternoon, December 4, 1933, in her home in Burgettstown, at the age of 83 years. She had been in her usual health, but when her son, Robert S. Moore, called this evening, he found her dead in her bed.

Mrs. Moore, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Scott, was born in Burgettstown November 8, 1850, and had resided here for her entire life. She was a member of the Burgettstown United Presbyterian Church.

She leaves one son, Robert S. Moore, of Burgettstown, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Janie Lee, of Hickory; Mrs. Agnes Russell, of Cleveland; Matthew Scott, of Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. Flora Nichols, Miss Mary Scott, and Finley Scott, of Burgettstown.

Funeral services will be held in the Burgettstown United Presbyterian Church Thursday, December 7, at 2 p. m.

ANTHONY LONGO, OF BURGETTSTOWN, DIES

1933

BURGETTSTOWN, Dec. 7.—Funeral services for Anthony Longo, 73, well known merchant who died in his home Wednesday morning, will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Our Ladies of the Lourdes Church. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Steubenville, O.

Born at Termini, Italy, January 28, 1860, Mr. Longo came to this country in 1884, residing in Steubenville for a number of years. He later moved here and had been a prominent citizen and business man for the past 20 years, being in the wholesale fruit business.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Antonia Longo, two sons, Joseph, of Toronto, Canada, and S. James Longo, of Burgettstown, and three sisters, Mrs. Salvator Pusateri, Mrs. Agostino Rinelle and Mrs. Antonio Tanzica, all of Burgettstown.

CHRISTIAN H. WIEGMANN IS DEAD OF APOPLEXY

1933

AVELLA, Dec. 19.—Christian H. Wiegmann, long a resident of Cross Creek Township, died in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Pettibon, Burgettstown R. D. 4, Monday, December 18, 1933, at 10:30 p. m., of apoplexy, in his 72nd year.

Mr. Wiegmann had made his home with the Pettibon family for many years. He was a son of George L. and Mary Boeteker Wiegmann, and was born in the city of Allegheny September 26, 1862. He moved with his parents to Patterson's Mills, near here, in 1864, and had lived in this section ever since, within a radius of four miles of Patterson's Mills. He was never married.

He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: William W. Avella; George H., Chatfield, O.; Louis, Eldersville; John, Brookline, Pittsburgh; Harry, Lincoln Place, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Fred Klages, Ellwood City; Mrs. Fred Seabright, Imperial; Mrs. T. A. Pettibon, Burgettstown R. D. 4; Mrs. Lois Pettibon, Oakdale, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Thursday, December 21, in the Pettibon home, in charge of the Rev. C. M. Lippincott, of the Eldersville Methodist Protestant Church. Interment will be in the Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

HOMES AT TOWN NEAR AVELLA BEING IMPROVED

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AVELLA, Dec. 25.—Electricity is being made available in the 66 houses of the Jefferson Coal Company, near here.

Wiring is now in progress in charge of Amos E. Knestrick, proprietor of the Electric Shop, East Beau street, Washington, and will be pushed forward until concluded.

The Jefferson Coal Company mine has been operating at a high rate of capacity with prospects bright for steady work for the men employed there.

DEATH SUMMONS MRS. ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Mrs. Urania B. Hamilton, wife of Alexander Hamilton, died in her home near Buffalo Village Saturday night, December 23, 1933, after a brief illness of pneumonia. While her health had not been good for some time, her condition was not considered dangerous until pneumonia developed.

Mrs. Hamilton, a daughter of James and Margaret Ann McBride Taggart, was born June 10, 1863. She was educated in the public schools, Buffalo Academy and Washington Seminary. She was a lifelong member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, active in the missionary activities of the church, and for several years taught in the Sunday School. She took an active interest in home church and community affairs.

On October 4, 1893, she was united in marriage with Alexander Hamilton, who survives, with the following children: John A., Robert, Mrs. Lloyd Linn, Mrs. E. M. Farrar, Florence, James T., and Hazel B. Six grandchildren also survive, besides the following brothers: James McB., A. A. and C. L. Taggart. The late Annie Donaldson, also of the Buffalo section was a sister.

Funeral services will be held in the home Tuesday, December 26 at 2 o'clock, in charge of her pastor, Rev. Donald M. Grant, D. D. Interment will be private in the Buffalo Cemetery.

Powelson-Baker 1933

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Powelso. Hickory announce the marriage their son, Leonard S. Powelso. Miss Mallie M. Baker, of Wood Ky. The newly married couple entertained Christmas at the elson home. They expect to their future home in Washing

ickory Christmas Dinners

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cook were hosts at the Cook family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Foster, of the Burgettstown road, last Christmas. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reid and son, Maynard; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cook and daughter, Julia Bell, and Miss Julia Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Emery entertained on Christmas to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCoy and daughter, Zelma; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCarrell and daughter, Marthetta, and Irwin Emery.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McCarrell entertained at a 6 o'clock Christmas dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. Carter and daughter, Lois Anne; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCarrell and daughter, Marthetta, and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McCalmont and daughter, Lucille.

The annual dinner of the McIlvaine family was held on Christmas at the home of Mrs. Annie McIlvaine, the guest list including Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McIlvaine and son Kenneth, and daughter Jeanette; Robert McIlvaine, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patterson, the latter three of Canonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McPeak were honor guests at the annual McPeak family dinner which this year was held by Mr. and Mrs. John H. McDowell at their home on the Washington Road. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McNary and family, of Library; Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilshaw and daughter, of Canonsburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McPeak and son, Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Davis and daughter, of Washington Road, and Miss Catherine McDowell and brothers, John and James.

Week of death

FATALLY BURNED AT OPEN STOVE

Mrs. L. M. Stephenson, Native of Burgettstown, Dies in Waynesburg Hospital—Active D. A. R. Member.

34 YEARS IN WAYNESBURG

1934
WAYNESBURG, Jan. 25—Mrs. Della Cooke Stephenson, aged 64 years, wife of L. M. Stephenson, died in the Greene County Memorial hospital here shortly after 3 a. m. today as a result of injuries suffered when her clothing was ignited from an open heating stove in the Stephenson home yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Stephenson was burned over practically her entire body, and although she was apparently resting well after being admitted to the hospital yesterday afternoon, her condition became worse during the night.

A daughter of the late Xenophon and Jane Galbraith Cooke, Mrs. Stephenson was born and reared in the Burgettstown community. The Stephenson family had resided at Waynesburg the last 34 years, however, and Mrs. Stephenson had many friends and acquaintances in this community.

She was an active member of the John Corbly Chapter of the D. A. R., having served as registrar of the chapter the past 17 years. She had also served as president of the local chapter of the Children of the American Revolution the last 10 years and was a member of the Waynesburg Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her husband, she leaves six children, Mrs. Lloyd D. Boone, of near Waynesburg; Reed Cooke Stephenson, Lawrence Edwin Stephenson, M. Middleton Stephenson, William Glenn Stephenson and Audley J. Stephenson, all of Waynesburg. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Stephenson home at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. George Maxwell, pastor of the Waynesburg Presbyterian Church, will be in charge, assisted by Rev. R. L. Porter. Interment will be in the Burgettstown Cemetery.

May 28 Schuckers-Hays 1934

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A pretty home wedding took place Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Robert Riddle Hays, 626 East Beau street, when her daughter Evelyn Jean became the bride of Joseph Morrow Schuckers, son of Mrs. A. Manheimer of Mt. Lebanon. The ceremony was performed before an embankment of greenery and summer flowers by the Rev. George P. Atwell, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, assisted by Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, president of Washington and Jefferson College.

The bride wore gown of white lace with a tulle veil and carried a shower bouquet of gardenias and lilies of the valley. Her attendants were Mrs. Harold Musser of Pittsburgh, as matron of honor, who was gowned in blue lace and her bridesmaid was Miss Verda Dent, also of Pittsburgh, who wore pink lace, both carried bouquets of delphinium and pink roses. Dr. Harold Musser of Pittsburgh was best man. The wedding march was played by Jack Manheimer, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh and Mr. Schuckers is a graduate of University of Pittsburgh, and a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Schuckers will be at home to their friends in Mt. Lebanon.

May 1934

Pack of Wolves at Large in Hanover

Scores of Hunters Join State Agents in Efforts to Exterminate Marauders, Seven in Number.

MUCH GAME IS KILLED

Dec 29, 1933

Over frozen snow-covered fields of the Hanover Township district, hunters of three counties are waging a relentless search for a pack of timber wolves which are known to be responsible for the killing of over 125 sheep and lambs in that vicinity recently.

Following tracks in the heavy snow, it has been determined that wolves, and not dogs, have been raiding the flocks of Hanover farmers, slaying sheep by the scores.

Grouse and rabbits on the reserve of the Pennsylvania Game Commission have also been killed and eaten by the wolves.

One wolf in the pack has been killed, a shaggy creature weighing nearly 40 pounds. Over 150 persons have viewed the animal and all stated positively it was a timber wolf. It was killed by Joseph Wherry, of Clinton, Allegheny County, during a hunt by 50 men.

T. B. Streams, of Indiana, special investigator of the Bureau of Animal Industry, along with Harry Higbee, of Mercer County, have been sent into the district to lead the investigation and the hunt for the pack.

Game wardens and deputies of Washington, Beaver and Allegheny Counties are assisting with the search, along with numerous hunters, all desirous of bagging one of the animals.

Over 50 sportsmen, armed with high-powered rifles, were scouring the Hanover district Wednesday and yesterday. Most of the group were from Burgettstown, Washington, Clinton and Frankfort. They report that it is practically impossible to get a close range shot at the wary wolves and that high-powered rifles are the only means of bringing them down.

Seven or more wolves are believed to be in the pack. The origin of the animals in this section is not clearly determined yet. Some significance is attached to a report that an Imperial resident owned two wolves, a male and a female, a year or so ago and that both escaped.

Second Hanover Wolf Killed; Pack Roams in Adirondacks

Another wolf, one of the pack of seven or more roaming through the woodlands and fields of Hanover Township, has been killed, T. B. Streams, of Indiana, special investigator of the Bureau of Animal Industry in charge of the hunt for the marauders, reported on his return to Washington last night.

Fred Cain, of Frankfort Springs, has the distinction of having killed the second of the wolves. It was about the same size as the one killed by Joseph Wherry, of Clinton, weighing from 36 to 40 pounds. The two animals slain are believed to be about one and a half years old.

Although some are skeptical that the pack is really made up of timber wolves, Investigator Streams and others are confident the animals are timber wolves.

More than a score of persons, including State agents and hunters, spent yesterday in Hanover Township yesterday, but were unable to sight the pack or individual members.

Farmers throughout the district, in which scores of sheep and much game have been killed by the pack, have placed their sheep in sheds and a close watch is being kept for the marauders.

If the cold weather continues, it

is the hope of the hunters that the wolves will be forced from their hiding place to seek food. Sheep sheds in the district will be watched especially as it is believed the killers will be more likely to seek food in such places.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 29—(UP)—A howling pack of wolves, arousing farmers and preying on animals for food, roamed the snow-swept wilds of the Adirondack Mountains tonight—250 miles from the glittering lights of New York's Broadway.

The roving beasts, estimated from 12 to 50, have become such a menace to human life that the state has started organization of a trapping expedition to exterminate them.

The marauding band arose as a rapidly mounting threat to hunters and farmers when it attacked two farm hands high in the Adirondacks. One of the wolves, of the timber variety, was slain. The others escaped.

The incident, along with reports that the pack had terrorized some farm homes to the extent that children were being kept indoors, resulted in the State Conservation Department arranging with Civil Works Administration officials for employment of 75 skilled hunters and trappers.

Wolf Slain Near City As Posse Hunts Pack

Over the western hills of Allegheny County a posse of farmers and game wardens were beating today—searching for (of all animals) "the big, bad wolf."

Wolves in this neck of the woods always have been as scarce as public safety directors are plentiful but residents in the Clinton section report that a pack has been preying on sheep, cattle and small game for several months.

In fact, Joseph Wherry, of Clin-

ton, shot what authorities accept as a timber wolf yesterday in the Murdocksville Woods.

Game Protector Ralph A. Liphart was one of the leaders of the posse today. He said he was satisfied that the animal shot by Wherry was a wolf. Investigators from the State Department of Animal Industry joined the hunt.

Hunters, who have been keeping an eye out for the wolves for days, believe there are seven of them.

Murdocksville's Wolf



BILLY WHERRY, 9

ROBERT M'LAUGHLIN, 11

Master Billy with the wolf that his father, Joseph H. Wherry, of Clinton, shot in the wolf hunt in Murdocksville woods. Hunters press their search for six more. This is a Sun-Telegraph picture.

BESS EMERY DAGUE IS DEAD AT HOUSTON HOME

Jan 1, 1934

At her home in Houston yesterday morning, occurred the death of Mrs. Bess Emery Dague, wife of the late Dr. S. N. Dague. Death came after more than a year of declining health which became more acute in the past two months. A few weeks ago she was removed to the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, but was brought home after a short period and death yesterday was not unexpected, although it came as a shock to her friends.

Mrs. Dague was the daughter of James A. Emery, of Dormont, and the late Blanche Spear Emery. She was born at Dunningville in 1880 and had spent her entire life in Washington County. Her education was procured in the country schools and at the California Normal, after which she taught for nine years.

She was united in marriage to Dr. Dague in 1908 and had lived in Houston since that time. Dr. Dague died July 3, 1932. Mrs. Dague was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Houston, the Canonsburg Woman's Club and many other civic and religious organizations.

She is survived by her father, two children Miss Blanche and Conwell Dague, both at home; one sister, Mrs. Carson Templeton, of Houston, Texas, and the following brothers: J. S. Emery, Scenery Hill; B. A. Emery, Dormont, and Thomas C. Emery, of Canonsburg.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Houston United Presbyterian Church, with the pastor, the Rev. W. F. Harkey, in charge. The body will be taken to the church one hour before the service.

CARCASS OF COYOTE ON DISPLAY IN GARAGE HERE

Jan 12 1934

The carcass of one of the coyotes that mystified residents of Hanover Township for months by the stealthy but effective raids upon sheep flocks is on display here at Lacock Garage, in West Wheeling street. The animal was shot recently by Joseph Wherry, of Clinton, and has been kept in cold storage since that time.

The coyote will be displayed here today and then taken to Harrisburg to be displayed at the Farm Show of the State Department of Agriculture.

CLAIR REED, OF HOUSTON, DIES

Prominent Young Business Man, Manager of Reed Lumber Co., Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.

FUNERAL ON THURSDAY

HOUSTON, Jan. 2.—Clair Campbell Reed, manager of the C. L. Reed Lumber Company, one of the most valuable and highly respected citizens of the Canonsburg-Houston community, died in his home at the corner of Arnold and Hudson streets, here, this morning at 10:15, after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia. He was 36 years old.

Mr. Reed had been indisposed since Sunday before Christmas but was in his office and about town as late as last Wednesday afternoon. Thursday he went to bed. Pneumonia developed, but Monday this condition had improved and betterment continued until heart complications occurred, which were the immediate cause of death.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lydia Ayres Reed, and five children: Robert, Jane, Paul, Campbell and Dorothy. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Reed, of Houston; one brother, the Rev. Glenn P. Reed, a missionary located at Doleib Hill, Egyptian Sudan, Africa; and one sister, Mrs. H. M. Templeton, of Houston; also two half-sisters, Mrs. Alberta Clark, of Jancey street, Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Maude Carlisle, of Hickory.

Mr. Reed was born in Cecil, but had been a resident of Houston nearly all his life. He was educated in Canonsburg schools and was afterward associated with his father in the lumber and building materials supply business, later taking the active management. He was married to Miss Lydia Ayres in 1919.

No one of the entire community was more active and interested in public affairs. He had just retired after a term as a school director in Houston; he was a director of the Community Builders, and also a member of the Washington-Greene Counties Council of the Boy Scouts and chairman of its camp committee, as well as a director of the newly organized Canonsburg Thrift Corporation.

He was secretary of the Washington-Greene Counties Association of Lumber Dealers and had recently devoted much time and effort in the preparation and securing the adoption of codes of fair

competition under the National Recovery Administration. He had come to be recognized as a leader in the lumber and builders' supply business and a strong advocate of co-operative methods.

He was a member of the Houston United Presbyterian Church and was superintendent of the Young People's department of the Sunday School. He was always consistent in his attendance at the church and school services.

His social and fraternal connections were numerous. He was a charter member of the Rotary Club and its second president, and a member of the Yorick Club. He was a member of Chartiers Lodge No. 297, F. & A. M., of Canonsburg; Washington Council No. 1, Royal and Select Master Masons, of Washington; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 150, of Washington; Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 3, of Washington; the Coudersport Consistory and Syria Temple, of Pittsburgh.

Private funeral services for the immediate members of the family will be held in the home at 1:30 Thursday afternoon. Public services will be held in Houston United Presbyterian Church at 2:30, in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. F. Harkey. Burial will be private in Oak Spring Cemetery.

Mrs. Earnest Kreikemyer Is Claimed by Death at Home in Mt. Pleasant

HICKORY, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Earnest Kreikemyer, aged 66 years, a native of Mackelburg, Germany, died in her home in Mt. Pleasant Township Sunday morning at 4 o'clock.

She was born in Germany September 10, 1868, and came to this country at the age of 18. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ebert and in 1901 married Earnest Kreikemyer at Hickory, where she had since resided.

She leaves her husband, a daughter Anna, of Midway, and two sons, Charles and Louis, at home. There are two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Wednesday at 2 p. m. in charge of Rev. Keigel, pastor of the German Lutheran Church of McDonald. Interment will be in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery here.

CROSS CREEK CHURCH SOCIETIES ENTERTAINED

CROSS CREEK, Jan. 4.—Saturday evening, December 30, Miss Hazel Vance entertained the members of the Willing Workers Sunday School Class of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. A short devotional and business meeting was held after which the entertainment committee conducted holiday games and contests. Mrs. Homer Vance, assisted by Mrs. T. L. Johnston, served a lunch in keeping with the season. Those present were: Mrs. Viola Johnston, teacher, Hazel Carter, Mary Belle Findling, Frances Huber, Anna Marie Lee, Lucille Fryer, Hazel Tuttle, Mary Thompson, Martha Marie Kharas.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Etta Zaebisch Friday afternoon, December 29. Mrs. Susan Lee had charge of the devotions. Those on the program were Mrs. Viva Newman, Mrs. Florence Lee, Mrs. Dorothy Brown and Mrs. Viola Johnston. Miss Bessie Donehoo gave some ideas on stewardship. The home was decorated in the Christmas colors and the same colors were carried out in the lunch, which was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Kaufman.

Miss Jane Lee has returned to State College after spending her vacation with her parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Kaufman and family visited at their homes near Johnstown.

John Johnston has spent ten days with his family near Beech Knob. Mr. Johnston is employed by the Farm Loan Bureau.

Misses Elizabeth and Jane Brown have returned to their school duties at Battle Creek, Mich.

Raymond Reed has returned to Pittsburgh, where he is a student at Carnegie Tech.

Mrs. Hazel McNelly, who spent ten days with her husband, who is a patient in the Mercy Hospital, has resumed her duties as teacher in the village schools. Mr. McNelly is not improving rapidly.

Mrs. S. S. Dunbar, who was removed to the Mercy Hospital on Christmas Day, is much improved.

Mrs. Margaret Cummins has returned home after visiting friends in Steubenville.

Kathryn Dallmeyer fractured her arm while coasting.

Mrs. Frances Marquis and John Zellars are ill in their homes here.

A. Matthews has returned from Illinois, where he was called by the death of his mother.

Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, of Altoona, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Foster were entertained at the Joseph Vance home.

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WILL BE INDUCTED INTO IMPORTANT COUNTY OFFICES TODAY



Attorney Carl E. Gibson, left, Monongahela; Judge J. Boyd Crumrine, middle, and John L. Post, right, will be inducted into office at ceremonies at the Courthouse this morning. Attorney Gibson will become Common Pleas Judge and Judge Crumrine will commence another term in Orphans' Court. Mr. Post assumes the duties of County Controller.

W. A. TRUAX DIES IN HOME AT ELDERSVILLE

1934

ELDERSVILLE, Jan. 8.—(Monday)—W. A. Truax, 82, a life-long resident of this community, died in his home this morning at 1 o'clock after an illness of two weeks.

A retired farmer, Mr. Truax was active in affairs of the Methodist Protestant Church, having been a member of the board of trustees for many years.

He leaves his wife, Emma Gardner Truax, two sons, Oscar, of Steubenville, O., and W. M., of Eldersville. Two daughters, Mrs. M. A. Cheeseborough of Eldersville, and Mrs. Fred E. Cassidy, of Rochester, and nine grandchildren. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

SERVICES WEDNESDAY FOR WILLIAM KENNEDY TRUAX

1934

ELDERSVILLE, Jan. 9.—Funeral services for William Kennedy Truax, who died in his home here this morning, will be held in the Eldersville M. P. Church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. C. M. Lippen-cott. Burial will be in Eldersville Cemetery.

Jan 8 Law-Russell 1934

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Russell, of Hickory, announce the marriage of their daughter, Alice, to Robert W. Law, son of Mrs. Anna Law, of New Concord, O. The marriage was performed by the Rev. C. H. Barcus, of Wellsburg, W. Va., December 25. They will make their home at Cuyahoga Falls, O.

THE NEW CONTROLLER

John L. Post, of Blaine Township, long an active worker in the Democratic Party, yesterday took the oath of office as County Controller to succeed Guy Woodward, Republican. Mr. Post will be the fourth person to occupy that office since it was established here and the first member of the Democratic Party to be elected Controller.

Formerly a school teacher, Mr. Post for a number of years has been engaged in farming but has always been actively interested in political affairs. He has served as school director and road supervisor in his home township. Twice he has been elected in this strong Republican county to the State Legislature, serving in the sessions of 1913 and 1923.

He assumes his new duties with a background as a successful business man and will prove an efficient official desiring only to see that the taxpayers get their money's worth for funds expended by the County. He will not use the office for political advantage, but solely in the interests of the people who placed him in this important county office.

As evidence that the office will be efficiently managed he has named as his deputy Major Edwin W. Patton, of Charleroi; Thomas H. Pyle, of Burgettstown, as book-keeper, and Attorney J. Albert Reed, of California, as counsel.

Hanover "Killers" A Pack of Coyotes

Remi H. Santens, Taxidermist
at Carnegie Institute, Identifies Killers at Laboratory in Pittsburgh.

BIG HUNT IS PLANNED

Coyotes, not timber wolves, are roaming through Hanover Township, Washington County, and adjacent sections in Allegheny and Beaver County.

Positive identification of the animals, two of which have been killed, came through the examination of one of the carcasses by Remi H. Santens, taxidermist at the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh.

Santens was positive as to the identification of the animal but offered no explanation as to how a pack of coyotes happened to be wandering through the fields and woods of northwestern Washington County unless a pair that had escaped from a carnival or small circus found their way there.

The carcass sent to Pittsburgh was that of the coyote killed by Joseph Wherry, of Clinton. It was sent to the Carnegie Institute by T. B. Streaks, district representative, and Jesse V. Mounts, local agent, of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

It will be forwarded to Harrisburg this morning and will be placed on display at the State Farm Show, which is to be held next week.

Santens declared tendencies of the coyote were apparent in the slaying of scores of sheep in Hanover Township. He said it was their habit to slash the throat of their victim with their sharp teeth and then drink the blood. This is reported to have occurred in the earlier killings. Later, their hunger increased when prey became scarce as the farmers placed their sheep in sheds, the coyotes, believed seven in number, commenced to devour the flesh of sheep and game killed.

Agent Streams and his assistants, as soon as weather permits, expect to organize a real hunt for the coyotes. They are awaiting a good snowfall. As soon as their is sufficient snow, dogs will be placed on the trail of the marauders and hunters will be stationed about the countryside. It is hoped that by this plan that the coyotes will be chased into one of the groups of hunters and wiped out.

The pack of coyotes has not been sighted recently.

Jan 9 1934
Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, is "interested" and "seriously considering" the restoration of the birthplace of William Holmes McGuffey, author of the famous Electric Series of readers the first used in the schools of United States.

Dr. McGuffey, it is now practically accepted by all persons interested in the pioneer educator, was born in West Finley Township, just a few miles from the West Virginia line, on a farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Blayney, on which they reside.

Mr. Ford visited the Blayney farm last Friday and again Saturday in company with Frank Campbell and William Ranack, of Dearborn, Mich.; Charles Newton, Ypsilanti, Mich., and R. S. Wilson, of Wayne Mich.

They spent Friday night at the George Washington Hotel but Mr. Ford declined to give an interview at that time.

Yesterday it was learned that Mr. Ford and party were here because of his interest in Dr. McGuffey and it was reported that he had purchased the Blayney farm and planned to restore the original home as a memorial to the accom-

plishments of the pioneer educator.

"Mr. Ford is interested," said Mr. and Mrs. Blayney when they were interviewed at their home last night.

"We do not know anything about his plans except that he took a very keen interest in all facts regarding Dr. McGuffey," they stated.

It was learned from other sources that Mr. Ford's interest is great enough for him to have secured an option on the Blayney farm and the talk with Mr. and Mrs. Blayney disclosed that he discussed "his plans" with the members of his party as he inspected the ruins of the log home of the Holmes family, in which Dr. McGuffey was undoubtedly born.

Although the old Holmes homestead is in ruins, many of the big white oak logs used in its construction fully a century and a half ago are still in an excellent state of preservation and many of them could be used in reconstructing the pioneer home.

"I almost sold the logs to a neighbor a short time ago," said Mr. Blayney. "But I am glad I didn't."

Mr. Ford and his party arrived at the Blayney home last Friday

ed, Auto Magna Finley Township

evening shortly before dark and spent some time there. Darkness had settled over the pretty valley at the headwaters of Middle Wheeling Creek before they left it to come to Washington for the night.

Returning there the next morning, Mr. Ford and his companions spent several hours about the place and even tramped through the muddy fields surrounding hill tops. They explored the ruins closely and lifted and placed some of the large logs of the old home to one side of the ruins.

"I can tell you Mr. Ford is spry for a man of 70 years," said Mr. Blayney.

"He just lifted up the tails of his overcoat and jumped over one part of the fence as he went about the farm. I am 75 and fairly active but I climbed through the smooth wire fence."

Mr. Ford's interest in Dr. McGuffey and his pioneer readers has continued over more than a decade. There was some discussion as to where Dr. McGuffey was born and other sites than the old Holmes homestead in West Finley were presented to him.

"There is no doubt where Dr. McGuffey was born," said Mrs. Blayney. "I am a second cousin of

Dr. McGuffey and according to all the facts available I was named for his daughter Henrietta," she continued.

Dr. McGuffey was born September 28, 1800, a son of Alexander and Anna Holmes McGuffey. Robert Davidson Holmes, father of Mrs. Blayney, was his first cousin. Alexander McGuffey was a scout during the pioneer days and in his travels decided to locate near the present city of Youngstown. In 1803, he started from the Holmes homestead with his family horseback. Mrs. McGuffey rode one horse and carried a child of six months in her arms and another was in a basket strapped on the side of one of the horses. They made the trip through the countryside, much of it undoubtedly woodland to the cabin the hardy and daring pioneer father had erected in Ohio.

Dr. McGuffey at the age of 18 began the study of Latin, borrowing books and walking long distances once a week to recite to a country clergyman. By teaching school, Dr. McGuffey was able to sustain himself and he graduated with honor from Washington College, united with Jefferson College later to become Washington and

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te, Visits Birthplace of Dr. McGuffey in and May Restore It as a Shrine to Educator

Ford Begins Work At Old Homestead

Jefferson, in 1826. In 1836 he became president of Cincinnati College and in 1839 he accepted the presidency of Ohio University at Athens, O. Four years later he was called to the Woodward High School at Cincinnati. In 1845, he accepted the Chair of Moral Philosophy and Political Economy at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., where he remained until his death May 4, 1873.

Dr. McGuffey has been called "the model teacher, studiously dignified and polite, elegant and accomplished in social life, critical and exact in knowledge with unusual capacity to impart knowledge to others. It was his pride to teach the students of his class to be gentlemen."

It was at Miami University that Dr. McGuffey prepared the series of school readers which gave him more than a national reputation. It has been asserted by educators that his readers did more to improve the methods of elementary education than any other books ever printed.

Mr. Ford, a great admirer of Dr. McGuffey, has a valuable collection of his manuscripts and editions of his readers. He has had sets of the readers reproduced and has dis-

tributed them among his friends and others interested in the career of the native son of Washington County who overcame hardships to attain an education and leave his imprint on the history of education in the United States.

While little is known of Mr. Ford's plans, it is understood that he proposes to reproduce the Holmes log home on its original site in West Finley to stand as one of the shrines in the nation to pioneer educators. That impression at least has been gained from the facts available.

His personal visit to the birthplace of Dr. McGuffey shows that his interest is undoubtedly great.

A student of pioneer days, Mr. Ford has a remarkable museum at Dearborn in which stands the first threshing machine ever built in the United States. It was invented and built of wood by Robert McClure, of West Middletown. Tracing the history of the evolution of farm machinery in the nation, he learned of the existence at West Middletown of the original threshing machine. It was presented to him by the McClure heirs who desired to have it preserved and passed down from generation to generation.

Some of Material Will Be Shipped Away and Gives Rise to Report He Will Rebuild Home at Dearborn.

SECRECY AS TO HIS PLANS

Jan 12, 1934
Ten workmen yesterday started to work about the ruins of the old Holmes homestead on the Henry Y. Blayney farm, West Finley Township, birthplace of Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, pioneer educator, under the direction of Attorney Charles Newton, Ypsilanti, Mich., representative of Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer.

Activity on the Blayney farm started two reports.

One was that the old log homestead was to be razed and the timbers shipped to Dearborn, Mich., to be reconstructed there.

The other was that the building would be torn down and the timbers shipped away and treated and again brought to the Blayney farm and placed in the reconstructed home.

Mr. Ford's activities are always conducted with the utmost secrecy and it has been impossible to get any statement from him as to his intentions.

Residents of the Middle Wheeling Creek valley have stated that the Holmes home is to be rebuilt on the ground where it was first erected more than 150 years ago and that it will be made a real showplace and memorial, in keeping with others he has established in several parts of the nation.

Attorney Newton, who was at the farm yesterday to superintend the start of work, was a member of the party which accompanied Mr. Ford on his visit to the Blayney farm last week and also was active in securing the option on the farm, a part of the original land purchased by the Holmes family.

It was stated yesterday that logs and other good portions of the old home found in the ruins were to be shipped away. This gave rise to the report that the old homestead was to be reconstructed at Dearborn, where remains a many historical structures have been assembled and rebuilt.

Activities of the workmen employed about the Holmes place, it was stated, would include the making of many white oak shingles to be used on the reconstructed building.

Further Confirmation of Report Auto Magnate Has Purchased Blayney Farm, for McGuffey Shrine.

ONE AT OXFORD, OHIO

Jan 9, 1934
There was further confirmation yesterday of the belief that Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, had purchased the Henry Y. Blayney farm, West Finley Township, birthplace of Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, and that he proposed to erect a shrine there which would include the reconstruction of the log home in which the noted educator was born.

It was stated by a responsible citizen that Mr. Ford had actually closed a deal for the purchase of the farm during his visit to the county the past weekend and that his plans called for the building of a shrine to Dr. McGuffey which would be a real showplace.

Oxford, O., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Two men wrote the famous but mostly monosyllabic "McGuffey Readers," so admired by Henry Ford and thousands of others, the curators of a shrine to the authors here pointed out today.

Interest in the "Readers" and their history led Ford to Dr. William Holmes McGuffey's birthplace in Washington County, Pa. But it was in Oxford, the seat of Miami University, that much of the work on the readers was done by William H. McGuffey and his younger brother, Alexander.

As a result, a shrine to them has been established in what was the town's only hotel back in the 1830's, when the readers first were published. For the most part, it is devoted to relics of the elder brother, a teacher in Miami University. Among them are his family Bible, many of his books, his spectacles, the study-table at which he worked, and the bed with its cornhusk mattress on which he sought his rest.

Primarily the readers were designed to help the younger mind through the complexities of the English language. But the McGuffeys filled them with moral precepts as well. It was as much their duty, they believed, to instill the virtues of honesty, industry, temperance, courage, politeness and thrift; as spelling and pronunciation.

Henry Ford Has Purchased Farm in West Finley; Keeps Plans Secret

Jan 13 1934
Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, has purchased the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Y. Blayney, West Finley Township, on which stands the crumbling sections of the log Holmes homestead in which Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, pioneer educator, was born.

All doubts as to whether or not Ford had actually bought the tract, one of the first to be settled on the headwaters of Middle Wheeling Creek, was removed last night when Attorney Charles T. Newton, Ypsilanti, Mich., came to Washington to satisfy a mortgage on the property held by the First Bank & Trust Company.

But plans of the Detroit magnate remain obscured in the fog of deep secrecy which usually attends his plans and purposes.

Attorney Newton was questioned as to what disposition Mr. Ford would make of the property on several occasions since he has been here but he has refused to give any definite answer.

Newton does not hesitate to state that Mr. Ford plans extensive improvements to buildings about the Blayney farm. These will

include the building of a gravel lane leading from the highway to the Blayney residence, repairing of buildings and the home and other work.

Razing of the old log homestead continues. It is said the logs and other good portions of the house would be shipped to Detroit. About 14 men were employed about the farm yesterday as compared to 10 on Thursday. Work there will be pushed as rapidly as weather permits.

Reports of the price paid for the property were to be heard yesterday, some being that Mr. Ford had paid a big price for the property. Others were that he became owner of the property under an agreement for its maintenance.

Mr. and Mrs. Blayney, the latter a second cousin of Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, are well advanced in years. Mrs. Blayney was born in a part of the old Holmes homestead. They have been married 53 years. Both enjoy good health but naturally are not physically able to perform the work necessary in maintaining the farm. They live alone.

Monument at Site Of McGuffey Home

Timbers and Foundation Stones of Old Holmes Homestead Have Been Removed—To Rush Memorial

DEDICATION ON SEPT. 23

According to the latest story of the plans of Henry Ford, who recently purchased the Henry Blayney farm in West Finley Township, reputed birthplace of Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, author of the famous school readers of the past century, the automobile manufacturer will during the coming Summer erect a large and imposing monument to the memory of Dr. McGuffey on the site of the log cabin where he was born. According to this same source of information Mr. Ford will hold a dedication of the monument on September 23, next, the 134th anniversary of the birth of the great educator. It is rumored that about 2,000 invitations to the event will be sent out.

It now appears that the log house in which Dr. McGuffey was born will not be rebuilt by Mr. Ford on the original site, as all of the logs have been removed from the farm, together with even the foundation stones, and have been shipped away. According to the general idea this will be reconstructed at Dearborn, Michigan.

Work is still going on at the Blayney farm. The present Blayney residence has been completely repaired, roofed and will be painted. It is understood that three of the carpenters engaged in this work were brought by Mr. Ford from Dearborn.

A story has also gained circulation to the effect that Mr. Ford has purchased all of the furniture in the Blayney house, practically all of which descended from the Holmes family. An old cooking stove was used nearly a century ago in the old log building where McGuffey was born. This is being replaced by new and modern furniture.

The story also still persists that Mr. Ford has purchased the William Patterson farm, containing over 200 acres and lying between the Blayney place and the National Pike. This gives rise to two

MUCH WORK AT BLAYNEY FARM

Some of Timbers of Old Holmes Homestead, in Which Educator Was Born, Have Been Shipped Away.

SECRECY AS TO PLANS

Jan 20, 1934
There is much activity about the former Henry Y. Blayney farm in West Finley Township but the plans of Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, as to the old log home in which Dr. William Holmes McGuffey was born and the farm remain a complete mystery.

"I only know about what I am told to do," the man in charge of the work is reported to have stated.

About 20 men have been working about the tract and some of the logs from the old pioneer home have been shipped away. A frame stable has also been removed. The lane leading to the Blayney home from the main road has been coated with gravel to permit hauling. Some work has been done about the Blayney home.

Attorney Charles C. Newton, representative of the auto magnate, visits the farm frequently.

WENGERT SEEKS COUNTY OFFICE

El'sworth Man Announces He
Is Conducting Campaign
for Office of County Super-
intendent.

ELECTION ON APRIL 10 *Jan 13 1934*

A contest for the office of County Superintendent of Schools is getting under way and the interest promises to be general before the election takes place at the convention of school directors to be held here April 10.

S. V. Kimberland, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election. He was chosen four years ago without opposition and no serious objection has been raised to his administration. He has notified his friends among the directors that he desires to be elected for another term and it appeared for a time that he might not be opposed.

Interest in the contest, however, flared up with the announcement of S. A. Wengert, Supervising Principal of the Ellsworth-Cokeburg Schools, that he would be a candidate for the position, in opposition to Mr. Kimberland.

Mr. Wengert graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1919 and received the degree of Master of Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1933. He has been actively engaged in school work for 14 years, most of the time in Washington County. Three years ago he was made principal of the Ellsworth-Cokeburg High School. He is making a personal canvas of all the directors in those districts that vote for County Superintendent. Mr. Wengert saw service during the World War and is a member of the American Legion Post at Bentleyville.

Washington, Charleroi, Donora and Monongahela do not participate in the election of the County Superintendent of Schools.

SAMUEL P. BOLES, OF TENT DISTRICT, DEAD

1934
ELDERSVILLE, Jan. 22.—Samuel Parkinson Boles, aged 86 years, farmer and member of the well known family of that name, died this morning at 9 o'clock at his home in Tent community after a short illness. He was a son of Jacob and Rachel Boles.

His wife, Amelia Boles, survives with one son, Harry, a grandson and great-grandchild, all of Lisbon, O.

Funeral services will be held at the Boles home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Martin. Burial will be in the Tent Cemetery.

THOMAS C. FARNER IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

1934
CROSS CREEK, Jan. 22.—Thomas Stockton Farner, aged 73 years, a well known retired farmer of Cross Creek Township, died in his home here Saturday morning at 2 o'clock. For many years he engaged in farming but for the past few years had lived a retired life here.

He was a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church and of the Cross Creek I. O. O. F. Lodge.

He was twice married. Elizabeth Oldham, to whom he was married in 1881, dying in 1885. A son to this union, C. W. Farner, of Avella, survives. His second wife was Ella Hanan, who survives with the following children: A. C. Farner, Washington; Ed Farner, Cross Creek; Mrs. Jennie Mae Wheatly, Youngstown, O.; Mrs. Mabel Pettit, Washington; Mrs. Mary Anderson, at home. He leaves also a brother, W. D. Farner, Avella; a sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Cross Creek, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. E. Kaufmann, will be held in his late home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

J. PLUMER LEACH, OF CANONSBURG, IS DEAD

1934
CANONSBURG, Jan. 24.—Following a general decline in health, J. Plumer Leach, one of the best known residents of Canonsburg, died in the Canonsburg Hospital at 11 a. m. today. He had been confined to bed for the past eight weeks and was taken to the hospital 10 days ago. The deceased had resided with his daughter, Mrs. Richard Fife, 513 Ridge avenue, since the death of his wife on December 2, 1924.

Mr. Leach was a son of the late Addison and Mary Leach, and was born in Monroe County, West Virginia, December 15, 1866. He was married to Viola Parker May 27, 1891, and the family moved to Canonsburg in 1903.

He was a member of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church and was a member of Lodge No. 77, Free and Accepted Masons, of Union, W. Va. His father and grandfather belonged to the same lodge.

He was a staunch Democrat in politics and upheld the doctrines of that party on all occasions and was especially jubilant when the results of the last Presidential election became known.

He is survived by six children, Miss Ruth Leach, of Johnstown, a former instructor in the Canonsburg schools; Mrs. Richard Fife, of Canonsburg; Lacy L. Leach, of Swissvale; Joseph P. Leach, Jr., of Chicago; Addison Leach, of Williamsport, and Harold Leach, at home, and by three grandchildren, Frank, Elmer and Virginia Fife.

He leaves one brother, the Rev. H. H. Leach, of Shenandoah Junction, W. Va., who occupied the pulpit at the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church last Sunday. He is also survived by the following sisters: Mrs. O. Alford, Lewisburg, W. Va.; Mrs. Virgie L. Thrasher, of Staunton, W. Va., and Mrs. Eva Lauffer, of Warren.

Hundreds of Persons Seek Thompson Home Treasures

1933

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 26.—(UP)—The \$1,000,000 mansion of the late Josiah Van Kirk Thompson was stripped of its furnishings today as hundreds of persons from several states haggled over purchase of the one-time coal baron's possessions.

A circus tent sheltered the throng that bartered for the ornate, gilded furnishings of 30 years ago. Much of them came from foreign lands, selected by the then powerful Thompson and his second wife, Honey Hawes, on their \$1,000,000 honeymoon.

Thompson built the house for Honey, and furnished it in the elaborate style of the period. At that time Thompson's wealth was estimated at \$70,000,000, mostly in Fayette County coal lands. He was called the "man who made Uniontown." When he died last month, however, in the big mansion on Oak Hill, he was virtually poverty-stricken. Only the kindness of his creditors had allowed him to remain during the receding years in the house he built.

The first article that Auctioneer J. Lawrence Cook sold was a rare piece of Irish linen. The linen, which Cook told the bidders cost Thompson \$150, was sold for \$18. That, and whatever else is gleaned from the day-long auction, will be used to help lift the heavy indebtedness against the estate.

Pasquale Pallin, butler in the

Thompson home for 26 years, served hamburger sandwiches from a window at the residence at 10 cents each.

A rug for which Thompson paid \$20,000 at an auction in Constantinople, outbidding Mrs. John Jacob Aster by \$500, was sold to Mrs. Charles Frock, Uniontown, for \$2,400.

Small silk rugs, prayer rugs, that cost J. V. \$5,000 to \$6,000 as he toured Europe with "Honey" Hawes, sold from \$300 to \$600.

A \$7,500 antique Tabriz rug, valued at \$7,500, was purchased by Colonel Brooks for \$655. Two massive silver candelabra, valued at \$5,000, brought \$350. Dr. C. H. Burton, head of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, was an active buyer, securing a gold-encrusted Venetian glass vase set with rubies valued at \$1,000, for \$70.

Hour after hour the treasures poured out of the house into the huge tent, to be scattered among hundreds of owners. The great painting of Boulanger, "Esclaves a Vendre," the huge gilded dining room suite that came from the palace of the Doges in Venice, the "stand-up" desk that old J. V. used to lean against at night to keep awake when he was piling fortune on fortune while others slept—all go under the relentless hammer as the sun falls and the lights spring up in the auctioneer's tent.

XENOPHON H. HANLIN DIES AT AGE OF 82

1933

REA, Nov. 19.—Xenophon H. Hanlin, well known as a retired miller and farmer of northern Washington County, died in his home near Rea at 6 p. m. Saturday, November 18, 1933, at the age of 82 years. He had been ill of heart trouble about one month.

Mr. Hanlin was a son of Grant S. Hanlin and Sarah Fink Hanlin, and was born February 2, 1851, in Hanover Township, near Hanlin Station. For many years he conducted the old Hanlin Mill, near Hanlin Station. This was one of the old burr type mills, at which the miller took his toll from the grist he ground. Water for power was taken from Harmon Creek.

Modern equipment was never installed in the mill, and after retiring from this business, at which he gained considerable success, he spent a number of years at farming. He lived in Hanover Township until about 10 years ago, when he sold his farm to coal companies and purchased another farm near Rea.

He was never married.

The following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Cynthia Sutherland, aged 84, who lived with Mr. Hanlin; Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Fulton, of Hanlin Station; Mrs. Mary Lyon, of Paris; Mrs. John Hunter, of the Buffalo-West Middletown road; Frank Hanlin, of Rea; A. M. Hanlin, of Colliers, W. Va., and Grant Hanlin, of San Francisco.

Mr. Hanlin was a member of the Tucker Methodist Episcopal Church nearly all his life, but since coming to Rea he had attended the Presbyterian Church at Avella.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday at the home. Interment will be in the Chestnut Ridge Cemetery, near Paris.

Mrs. James Tuttle, For 35 Years a Cross Creek Resident, Passes Away

Nov 15 1933

Mrs. Margaret Tuttle, widow of James Tuttle, for 35 years a resident of Cross Creek Township, died in the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. L. Pettit, 626 Climax street, South Side, Pittsburgh, Monday night at 11:50 o'clock. She had made her home with her daughter for the past three years.

Besides her daughter, she leaves a son, B. B. Tuttle, of Cross Creek. Funeral services will be held tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the Pettit home, with further services Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

HICKORY PYTHIANS TO BE HOST TO HIGH OFFICERS

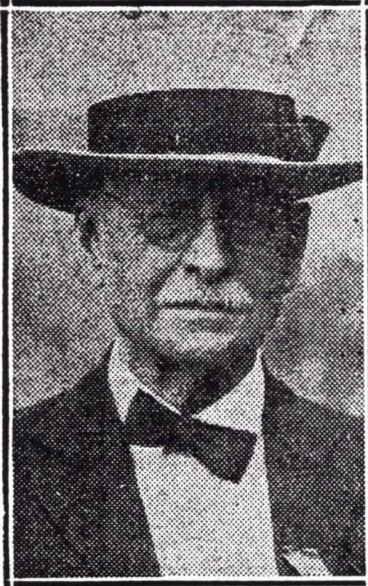
Jan 19, 1934

Hickory Lodge No. 125, Knights of Pythias, will be host to O. G. B. Brenneman, Grand Chancellor of the order in Pennsylvania, Tuesday evening, January 23, at 8 o'clock, in the Hickory High School.

This is to be a mass meeting for the public, to which all Pythians and friends of the order in Washington County are invited. The committee in charge is planning to handle a large crowd.

A program, consisting of musical numbers, talks by prominent Pythians, and an address by the Grand Chancellor will be given. W. M. Lewis, district deputy, of Canonsburg, will be in charge of the meeting.

DIES AT HOME



W. R. McIlvaine, a native of Somerset Township and long a resident here, died yesterday at his home in South Wade avenue.

DEATH CLAIMS W. R. M'ILVAINE

Born in Somerset Township,
He Was in Business Life
—Helped to Organize Early
Gas Company.

FUNERAL SATURDAY 2 P. M.
Nov 24, 1933

William R. McIlvaine, 88, for more than two score years a resident of Washington, died at 8:40 a. m. yesterday at his home at 56 South Wade avenue, following a decline in health which began about a year ago. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Second Presbyterian Church, of which he had been a member since 1889.

A son of William and Matilda McIlvaine, he was born February 20, 1845, in Somerset Township, and continued to reside on the farm on which he was born until the removal of the family to Washington in 1889. The late Judge J. A. McIlvaine, for 35 years on the bench of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, was a brother, and Mrs. Isaac W. Jones, of Washington, now deceased, was a sister. The family is one of marked longevity, and until perhaps a year ago Mr. McIlvaine had enjoyed excellent health. In 1868 he was married to Sarah Elizabeth Hamilton, of Dunningville, whose death occurred in October, 1929. To them four children were born:

Nora I. McIlvaine, at home, W. A. H. McIlvaine, attorney, residing on North Wade avenue, John A. McIlvaine, of Philadelphia, and Wilbert Greer McIlvaine, who died in early childhood. Surviving grandchildren are Alexander McIlvaine Jr., John W. McIlvaine and Elizabeth H. McIlvaine, of Washington, and Janet McIlvaine, of Philadelphia. There are also three great-grandchildren.

On taking up his residence in Washington Mr. McIlvaine became interested in the natural gas industry, and was one of the group of men who formed the Relief Gas Company, since merged with the Manufacturers' Company. He took an active interest in all matters that pertained to the welfare of the

City, especially in enterprises of a financial nature, where his advice was constantly sought. He responded generously to all appeals of the hospital, Y. M. C. A. and other religious and charitable movements.

While a resident in Somerset Township he had his membership in the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church.

The McIlvaine family in the persons of Greer and George McIlvaine came to Washington County in 1780 and settled on a tract of land of 400 acres called Calydon, in what is now Somerset Township. They were staunch Scotch-Irish pioneers, direct descendants of Andrew McIlvaine who migrated from the north of Ireland to Lewes, Delaware. The original home of the McIlvaine family was at Ayr, Scotland.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR AT CANONSBURG TONIGHT

Jan 25 1934

Tonight is expected to be a red letter night with Pythians of Canonsburg, the occasion being the third annual roll call and Veterans' Night of Canon Lodge, 204, Knights of Pythias. The regular lodge meeting will be conducted prior to the evening's ceremonies.

Plans for the affair are in charge of a committee composed of George A. Hinton, George Rohm, Osburn Lewis, William Estep and Paul Meneely, who have arranged a program of entertainment befitting the occasion.

The speaker of the evening will be Supreme Chancellor C. W. Hermon Hess, of New Castle. Entertainment will intersperse the speaking, and presentation of jewels will be made to veteran members of the order.

Sing at Hickory Church

A male quartet composed of John Hunter and Lewis Maxwell of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Robert Patterson and James McAllister of the North Buffalo U. P. Church sang at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, Sunday morning.

Jan 21, 1934

MANY PYTHIANS ATTEND MEETING

—1934
HICKORY, Jan. 24.—Honoring O.

G. Brenneman, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Pennsylvania, Hickory Lodge, 125, Knights of Pythias, entertained with a turkey dinner and mass meeting in Hickory Tuesday night. Approximately 200 Pythians representing brotherhoods from Washington, Claysville, McDonald, Canonsburg, Burgettstown, Pittsburgh and Hickory attended the mass meeting which was preceded by a turkey dinner served in the lodge rooms by wives of the host Pythians. Covers were laid for 40 including Grand Chancellor Brenneman and other visiting superior lodge officers.

Hickory Pythians proved themselves adept hosts at the mass meeting held in the auditorium of the Hickory Vocational School where an entertaining program was presented by V. M. Paul of the Hickory lodge acting as temporary chairman. He in turn presented William M. Lewis, of Canonsburg, who presided.

The program opened with a band concert given by the Hickory school band which gave a creditable performance under the direction of Prof. Hary, the musical prelude closing with "America," which the audience joined in singing.

V. M. Paul, chairman, in behalf of the Hickory Brotherhood, welcomed the visiting lodge men after which selections were sung by the Kiwanis Club quartet of Canonsburg composed of Burgess H. L. Cook, Attorney George Modrak, Robert Gibson and John Taylor, with Pat Davie at the piano.

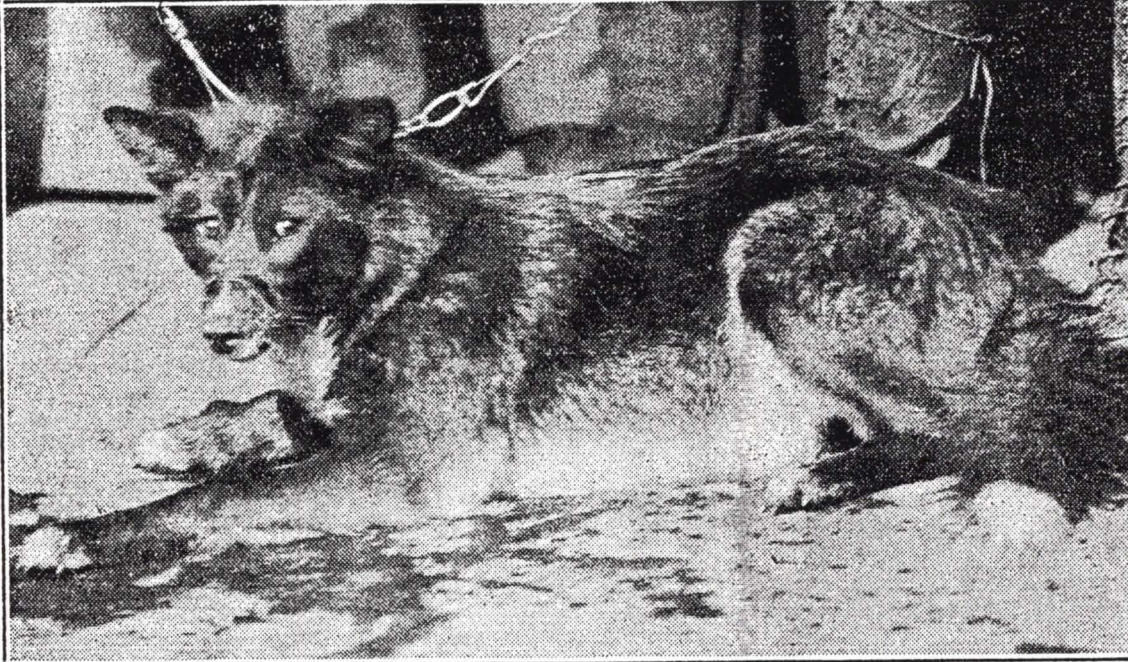
An interesting talk was given by Grand Chancellor Brenneman, and other speakers of the evening were F. G. Terry of Carnegie, and H. L. Pedicord of Hickory, of the faculty of the Westinghouse High School, Pittsburgh. Music by the school band interspersed the speaking.

The invocation opening the program was given by the Rev. Clyde Myers of the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. C. S. Thomas of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. A delegation of 50 members from Canon Lodge, 204, attended the Hickory mass meeting.

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One of the Pack of Hanover "Marauders"

Jan 27 1934



Above is a photograph of the animal captured in a trap in Hanover Township, one of the pack of marauders killing scores of sheep and exterminating a large part of the small game on the State Reserve in Hanover. It is said to be the first coyote ever captured alive in the State. Bureau of Animal Industry agents had the carcass of one killed by Joseph Wherry, of Clinton, identified as a coyote.

C. E. Logue, trapper of the Game Commission, who saw the pelt of one killed by Fred Cain, near Frankfort Springs, thought it resembled a timber wolf more than a coyote. When he came into the County, Logue was of the firm conviction a pack of wild dogs was causing the heavy loss to Hanover farmers. Despite the Carnegie Institute identification, there are some who insist the animals are hybrids, perhaps a cross of a German police and red fox.

Coyote Is Captured in Steel Trap On Frank S. Two 'Varmints' Are Sighted But 'Nary One' Is Captured

Jan 16, 1934

S. N. McPeak, Resident Of Hickory 84 Years, Dies; Funeral Saturday

1934

HICKORY, Feb. 1.—S. Newton McPeak, aged 84, a life-long resident of Hickory, died in his home here today at 10:40 a. m. A son of Vincent and Margaret Davidson McPeak, he was born May 30, 1850 and spent his entire life here.

He was a carpenter by trade and engaged with his brothers in the lumber business. He never married. He leaves three brothers and a sister, James, a twin brother, David, Albert and Sarah, all of Hickory.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Saturday at 2 p. m. Interment will be in the Hickory Cemetery.

Two of the "pesky varmints" were sighted but "nary a one" was bagged by nearly three score hunters and agents of the Bureau of Animal Industry who engaged in a coyote hunt in Hanover Township yesterday.

H. E. Higbee, of Mercer County, in charge of the hunt stated last night upon his return to Washington that the hunters had been handicapped by the melting of the snow which prevented tracking of the coyotes.

"We made a study of the land, however, and with the next snowfall we will resume the hunt better prepared to capture the coyotes," said Higbee.

The coyotes were so fleet of foot that they disappeared yesterday before any of the hunters sighting them could get a shot. They were not routed again during the day, although the agents and some of the sportsmen remained afield until last evening.

One hunter fared well, however,

as he shot two minks in rapid succession and will net from \$15 to \$20 for his day in the open.

Agent Higbee said last night he was confident the lair of the coyotes was in the Raccoon Run district. He was also prepared to revise his estimate of the number, stating that coyote tracks were seen in the vicinity of Burgettstown as well as in Hanover.

Young men who spent a Summer in the wheat fields of the Middle West perhaps brought the coyotes into Washington County, he stated. He said it had been reported to him that fully half a dozen were brought back here and he said it was logical to expect that those roaming at large now came from those imported as curiosities and pets.

Game in the district, especially grouse, quail and rabbits, Agent Higbee said had practically been wiped out by the coyotes. Farmers are placing their sheep in sheds at night and watching them closely during the day.

Hickory High School Band Will Give Concert Feb. 1

1934

HICKORY, Jan. 24.—For the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase several additional instruments, the Hickory High School Band will play a program of band music in the school auditorium on Thursday evening, February 1, at 8 o'clock. A small admission will be charged.

Since its organization in the fall of 1932, the school band under the direction of Professor Hary, has progressed in a very satisfactory manner. At this time the director sees the need of additional instruments and the proceeds from the coming concert will be devoted to securing the same.

The concert program will include several selections by the high school girls' glee club, which too is one of the promising musical aggregations of the local school.

Of interest to the local community is the announcement by A. C. Stamy, supervising principal of the Mt. Pleasant Vocational School, of the recent completion of health

contributory measures in the school.

During the month of November 212 pre-school age children and school children between the ages of six and 10 years were inoculated against diphtheria by administering toxoid furnished by the State Department of Health.

The Schick test had been previously administered to determine immunity. The number schicked was 323 which shows an immunity of 31 per cent.

The health project was in charge of the school nurse, Miss Mabel McGugin, and Dr. D. L. McCarrell of Hickory, and Dr. Richard Clark of Burgettstown, administered the tests and the toxoid.

Second semester examinations began Monday, the first semester test having been completed last week.

Inter-class basketball games are in progress and will continue through to February 20. The complete schedule was published recently.

Dying Railroad's Freight Cars Put on Funeral Pyre

1934

WAYNESBURG, Jan. 26.—Shades of the departed glory of the Waynesburg and Washington narrow gauge railroad have flitted across the company's yards at Waynesburg recently as a few employes recalled temporarily from furlough have burned several freight cars which were in storage here.

There's a sort of "Burning of Rome" touch as the blazing box cars sent heavy clouds of dense smoke floating lazily over the shifting yards and vacant depot as the crackling pine boards ignite in a dying railroad's funeral pyre. Brisk winds from nearby Ten Mile Creek whip through the empty roundhouse and around the arid watertower to sing a doleful requiem.

Closed and open freight cars, some weather beaten and others in fairly good condition and which once hauled thousands of head of choice livestock from Greene County hillsides to Pittsburgh markets and returned laden with groceries, furniture, clothing and other merchandise for practically the entire county, now follow one another on the blazing bonfire as they once followed around the hairpin curves and over the steep grades of the 28-mile route to Washington.

Mostly the handful of recalled workmen labor without spectators about, but now and then an old-

timer comes along, witnesses the burning box cars, and remarks that "Well, that's about the last of the old W. & W.", sort of sighs and then passes on.

All metal parts of the ancient cars are salvaged, even the waste cloth in the stuffing boxes being carefully saved so it can be renovated for future use, the next time probably on some road not having as romantic a history as the "Waynie".

Even the caboose, which was used for almost a generation on W. & W. freight runs has gone the way of all abandoned freight cars. Its thoroughly seasoned pine was an easy prey once the torch was applied.

Five veteran employes of the W. & W. are back at the scene of their former endeavors as the cars are being burned to mark another chapter in closing stages of the ancient narrow gauge line. They are Jobe Phillips, Thomas Phillips, William Chambers, Albert Simington and John Cole.

Dorothy Mackail Seeks Divorce

HOLIYWOOD, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Dorothy Mackail, blond screen actress, filed suit for divorce today from Neil A. Miller, former Honolulu business man, who followed her to Los Angeles after a Hawaiian romance and married her in Yuma, Arizona, November 3, 1931.

DORY A. LOWRY, WELL KNOWN FARMER, DIES

1934

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 29.—Following an emergency operation, Dory A. Lowry, one of the best known citizens of Independence Township, died in the Washington Hospital this evening at 4 o'clock. He was aged about 60 years.

Funeral services will be held at the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church here Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Robert Topping, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Earl Hughes of the West Middletown U. P. Church. Burial will be in the Independence Cemetery.

Mr. Lowry had not been in rugged health for the past two years suffering from asthma but for the past week had been in his usual health and only one week ago acted as a pallbearer at a funeral of an old neighbor. At that time he complained of not feeling good and later in the week became suddenly worse and Saturday night at 11 o'clock was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. His condition was serious from the beginning and he survived the operation less than two days.

Mr. Lowry, a son of Martin and Martha Mulhollen Lowry, was born at the Lowry homestead one mile southeast of the village of Independence, December 9, 1874. He had spent his entire life there. He received his early education in the township schools and engaged in farming on the old homestead. On November 1, 1922 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Charlotte Lohman, of McDonald, a well known school teacher of the county who survives. Following their marriage they took up their residence at the old home. No one was better known in this community than Mr. Lowry due to his jovial disposition. He had many friends who will learn of his sudden death with sorrow. He was active in the community affairs and for a number of years served as school director and was also a trustee of the Independence Cemetery association. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. He was a life long member of the Independence Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Lowry was one of a family of 13 children, three of whom survive, William Lowry, of near Independence; Robert Lowry, of Mt. Pleasant Township, residing north of Buffalo, and Mrs. Leman Grimes of the Mt. Hope section.

AVELLA MAN IS KILLED AT WORK

Kenneth Dona'd Rohr Fatally
Hurt While Working With
Construction Company at
Nant-y-Glo.

FUNERAL IS ON THURSDAY

1934
AVELLA, Feb. 5.—Word was received here tonight of the death of Kenneth Donald Rohr, 21, who was killed today at Nant-y-Glo while working for the Highland-Patterson Construction Company.

A graduate of Independence Township High School and a student for two years at Carnegie Tech, Rohr had been working for the company for the past 10 months.

While living here he made his home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shaff. He married Miss Margaret Perrin, who survives with a small daughter, Shirley Jean Rohr. His mother, Mrs. Minerva Deatruck, and step-father, Simon Deatruck, and a brother, Herbert Rohr, all of Lima, O., also survive.

He was a member of the Avella Presbyterian Church, having joined the congregation at the age of 12 years.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. in the Avella Presbyterian Church, in charge of Rev. N. E. Coulter, assisted by Rev. E. L. Stehman, of Brownsville. Interment will be in the West Middletown Cemetery.

MRS. JOSEPH MARQUIS, OF CROSS CREEK, DIES

1934
CROSS CREEK, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Frances Marquis, well-known local citizen, died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Porter, of Cross Creek, Friday, February 2, 1934, at 4:45 p. m. Her death was due to heart trouble.

Mrs. Marquis was born January 23, 1861, in Cross Creek. She was a daughter of Josiah and Susannah Harper Allen. She was married to Joseph Marquis, who died in 1904. She was a life-long member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Porter, with whom she resided; one grandchild, Frances Porter, and two brothers, James C. and Harvey J. Allen, both of Cross Creek.

Funeral services will be held Monday, February 5, at 1:30 o'clock, in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, in charge of Rev. R. E. Kaufmann. Interment will be in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

ROBERT FARRAR PASSES AWAY AT HOME HERE

1934
The death of Robert C. Farrar, 71, a well known and prominent resident of Washington, occurred at his home at 420 Duncan avenue yesterday at 12:30 p. m., following an illness of some time of pernicious anemia.

Mr. Farrar, a son of Robert S. and Elizabeth C. Farrar, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, January 21, 1863. He spent his early life in the Hickory section where he engaged in farming for a number of years and later conducted a general store in Hickory. Thirty years ago the Farrar family came to Washington where Mr. Farrar had since been connected with the Union Central Life Insurance Company. He had been ill for the past two years, and since the holidays had been confined to his bed. Mr. Farrar was well known throughout the County where he had many friends. He was a man of sterling qualities and made friends easily.

On August 28, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Louella Campbell of the McDonald section. Mrs. Farrar survives with the following children: John L. Farrar, Miss Florence Farrar, teacher in the Seventh Ward schools, and Mrs. T. W. Brown, all of Washington. Three brothers and three sisters also survive. They are: Henry Farrar of McDonald, Samuel Farrar of Hickory and Richard Farrar of Washington; Miss Jennie Farrar of Hickory, Mrs. Ann'e McCalmont and Mrs. Hattie Scott, of Washington. He leaves one grandson, Thomas Walker Brown.

In politics Mr. Farrar was a staunch Republican and took an active interest in his party affairs. He was long a member of Third Presbyterian Church and took an active interest in his church work, and was a member of the Men's Bible Class.

Funeral services will be held from the Farrar home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. Joseph Morledge, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the Washington Cemetery.

FORMER CROSS CREEK MAN IS DEAD IN OHIO

1934
Abram Pry, in his 80th year, formerly of the Cross Creek district, died at his home in Massillon, O., Wednesday, February 14. He had lived in the Ohio city for the past 10 years.

Mr. Pry was born and reared in the Cross Creek district, moving to Ohio after the oil excitement there. His wife, Lizzie Dimit Pry, survives with two sons, B. K. and Wiley C. Pry; two grandsons, Wiley and Raymond Pry, and one great-grandson, Donald Pry, all of Massillon.

Funeral services will be held at Massillon Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial will be at that place.

AGED WOMAN DIES AT HOME IN INDEPENDENCE

1934
INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Mary Margaret Baker, wife of Thomas A. Baker, died at her home here Saturday at 12:30 o'clock following an illness of two weeks of complications. She was aged 72 years. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M. E. Church here, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Jacob Steinstraw, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Rank, of Follansbee, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church here. Burial will be in the Independence Cemetery.

Mrs. Baker had been a life-long resident of this section and had a host of friends. Her motherly feeling toward children won her many friends among the young people of the community and among many who have gone from this section. Mrs. Baker, whose maiden name was Mary or better known as Mollie Haines, was united in marriage to Thomas A. Baker more than a half century ago. Her husband for many years conducted a shoe shop in the village. Mrs. Baker had not been in the best of health for some time but had been seriously ill but two weeks. She was a life-long member of the M. E. Church here.

The following children survive: Mrs. Harry Pitman, Mrs. William Shepard, of Independence; Mrs. Emmett Cooper, near Cross Creek; Robert Baker, of Detroit, and Charles Baker and William Baker, at home. Nine grandchildren also survive.

May 1934

Wounds Suffered in Holdup Cause Loss of Part of Leg

Feb 17, 1934.

Never having recovered from wounds suffered when he was held up and robbed of nearly \$1,000 last September 29, Walter McNelly, 38, tax collector of Cross Creek Township, underwent an operation in the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, yesterday in which one leg was amputated just below the knee.

McNelly withstood the shock of the operation but a blood transfusion was deemed advisable by the attending physicians and Clinton Cooper, of Cross Creek, will furnish the blood in this operation, which is to be performed this morning.

Four armed bandits, using an automobile which bore Ohio license plates, participated in the holdup. McNelly was homeward bound late in the day after having made extensive collections. Driving along a road between Cross Creek and

Avella, he was suddenly confronted by a large sedan which had been swung across the road.

McNelly went into the ditch alongside the road to avert a collision. As he brought his car to a halt he was confronted by a man carrying a shotgun. Reaching out suddenly, McNelly wrenched the gun from the bandit.

Two other men leaped from the machine armed with revolvers. He struck the gun carried by the foremost, apparently as he was about to pull the trigger and the bullet was deflected downward into his leg. The other man hit McNelly on the head with the butt of his weapon.

Despite his condition, McNelly climbed into his car and drove it to his home in Cross Creek. He had never recovered from the wounds and finally went to the hospital for the operation performed yesterday.

JOHN E. BROWN
John E. Brown, candidate for renomination to the General Assembly, First District, on the Democratic ticket, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township in 1876 and educated at Hickory Academy. Taught school three years and served in Company C, Fourteenth Volunteer Infantry, Spanish-American War. Now resides at Acheson Station, Mt. Pleasant Township, and follows the business of fruit growing. Member of State Horticultural Society and Historical Society of Pennsylvania and is now serving first term in the House of Representatives. Mr. Brown is married and has a family of eight children.

DR. A. O. HINDMAN
Dr. A. O. Hindman, of Burgettstown, is a candidate on the Democratic ticket in the First District for the Assembly. Dr. Hindman was born in Cross Creek Township, attended the public schools, Hickory Academy, Ohio Northern



ALVIN FORNEY, WELL KNOWN IN COUNTY, DIES

Feb 19, 1934

Alvin Forney, of near Bethany, West Virginia, a car repairman for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, died Friday at Covington, Ky., where he had been employed, according to word received at Wellsburg. He had returned to Covington a week ago after visiting his family.

He is survived by his wife, who was en route to her husband's bedside when he died, three sons, three daughters also two brothers, Ralph Forney, Claysville, and Earl Forney, near Avella.

Mr. Forney had spent last Sunday with his family who reside about three miles south of Independence and had been in his usual health. During the latter part of the week he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was taken to a hospital at Covington where his death occurred.

The body was brought back to his home and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. Burial was in the family grounds on the Forney farm. Mr. Forney was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Forney and was one of a family of 12 children, two of whom survive.

May 1934

PETER J. McMAHON

Peter J. McMahon, of Eldersville, Republican candidate for the Legislature in the First District was born in Westmoreland county in 1890. He was educated in the public schools and was graduated from T. C. C. as engineer of mines. He has been a hard worker all his life finally advancing to manager of mines, but for the past two years has been unemployed.

Burns at Bonfire Is Fatal To Hanlin Station Child

1934

BURGETTSTOWN, Feb. 19.—Mabel Short, aged 11 years, of Hanlin Station, was fatally burned about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and died at midnight in the Washington Hospital.

She and a number of other children were playing at a bonfire and in some way her clothes caught fire. Frantic efforts of the other children to aid her were unavailing. She was frightfully burned all over her body before the flames were extinguished. She was immediately brought to the hospital but was so badly burned that her death occurred a few hours after her arrival there.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Short, who survive with two brothers and two sisters, William, Harry, Mable and Lillie and a niece, Florence, all at home.

Funeral services will be held in the Short home at Hanlin Station Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The interment will be in the Eldersville Cemetery.

County Student to Present His Adaption of King Lear

1934

NEW CONCORD, O., May 1.—Albert Capuder, senior at Muskingum College, will present his adaptation of Shakespeare's "King Lear" Thursday evening, May 3 in Brown Chapel on the college campus. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Capuder, of Midway, Pa.

Capuder was intercollegiate orator last year. He was the winner of the Brown oratory contest two years. In his Sophomore and Senior years he was on the Muskingum College intercollegiate debate team.

He was winner of the Shoup Bible reading contest in his Junior year.

Capuder has had leads in dramatic presentations during his last two years in college. In his Sophomore year he had a lead in the French play, "L'Abbaye Constantine." Last year he had a leading part, that of Mr. Cady, in the play, "Beggars on Horseback." This year he played the part of the ship owner in the Senior class play, "The Good Hope." He played the part of the priest in the French play, "Primrose."

SEVERE WINTER PREVAILED HERE IN FEBRUARY '99

February 1934
The continued low temperatures of the current February have served to recall the severe and continued cold of the 1917-18 winter, and the frigid two weeks of February, 1899.

Many men still under middle life well remember the 1917-18 winter because that winter they spent at Camp Hancock, near Augusta, Ga., where they were thoroughly disillusioned as to the mild winters of that latitude. That season was probably an exception, and weather there was about what is normally experienced in Southwest Pennsylvania. But their winter did not compare with what Washington experienced that season. Over and over again the streets and walks were just a glare of ice, so that getting about was not only dangerous but well nigh impossible.

But men and women whose memory carries back to the winter of 1898-99 will testify that that season filled every requirement of the "cold and cruel winter." Several requests have come to The Reporter to look up the records for that winter, and this has been done.

The paper for Friday afternoon, February 10, 1899, carries a story that states the record of 18 below on Thursday was considered about as fierce cold as this community had known, but that Friday morning's record made it look like a tolerably moderate temperature. For Friday morning the following figures were cited, all being below zero:

- Sharp's grocery (South Main street, about midway between Maiden street and the B. & O. Crossing) 22.
- Charles Murphey, East Washington, 23.
- Jefferson and Chestnut corner, 24.
- West Prospect and West Wheeling, 25.
- Main and Maiden corner, 26.
- Jefferson and Hall corner, 28.
- Claysville, 28.
- West Amity, 38.
- Swarts Station, 38.
- Lagonda, 40.
- Hackney, 42. Here it was reported that the thermometer had burst. Hackney is near the Boy Scout reservation.

The same article reports that Creigh's County History, published about 1870, states that the coldest weather known locally, so far as could be ascertained, was on January 19, 1810, when the cold was so intense that cattle were frozen to death. No temperatures were given for the reason, probably, that thermometers were not then in common use, though long known and used by scientists in their studies and experiments.

In this Creigh history it is also stated that the greatest snow known in this region fell in 1799, when the snowfall began on a Friday evening and continued steadily and stockmen had great difficulty in getting cattle and sheep to watering places.

It is interesting to note that Augusta, Ga., is about six and two-thirds degrees south of Washington, which means a difference in miles of more than 450, and normally the climatic difference is very distinct. The local latitude is 40 degrees, ten minutes, north.

Forgotten Railroad Now Has But Two Forgotten Employes

1934

WAYNESBURG, Jan. 9. — Jim Swart and John Pettit are the "forgotten men" of a forgotten railroad — the Waynesburg and Washington narrow gauge line, which extends between the two towns of those names in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

In its heyday, more than 100 men were employed on the historic W. & W., which was a highly profitable line for many years. But busses sapped its passenger service and truck lines wrote finis to its lucrative freight department, and one by one employes were furloughed, until now only Swart and Pettit remain.

And now amid scenes where four daily passenger trains rattled in and an equal number chugged away, and where double-header freights puffed away often. Swart and Pettit still go through their lonely tasks as they "carry on" in the best of railroading traditions.

Elder of the pair, both in age

and service, Pettit is now the one-man section crew of the entire 28-mile track. A former section foreman at a midway point on the line, Pettit was transferred to Waynesburg, where he saw his gang dwindle to three, then to two men, and finally only he was left in the dual capacity of crew and foreman.

Pettit hasn't missed a payday on the W. & W. since 1903, and altogether he's worked almost 35 years on the road. His memories include a Winter so cold it was impossible to work outdoors, and of a flood in Ten Mile Creek which washed a long section of track and ties into the stream. Since suspension of locomotive service over the line most of his work is confined to the Waynesburg yards, where broad gauge cars from the Monongahela Railroad are shifted by means of a third rail.

Swart, the other surviving veteran of the W. & W. system, has been employed since December 6, 1906. He started as a fireman and later became an engineer. During his long association with the "Waynie" Swart has seen such notables as ex-President Taft and William Jennings Bryan travel over the 28-mile stretch as passengers to the Greene County Seat, while Greene County guardsmen in Company K, 110th Infantry, entrained for Mexican Border and World War service on the W. & W., Swart was in the cab.

Holding a regular run until suspension of locomotive service on the line, Swart accepted the decline of the road in philosophic fashion and became operator of the small gasoline coach on which he makes three round trips over the line each week to collect milk shipments made by farmers. Speaking of the coach, Swart said, "Well, it's a lot different from being up in the cab, but still it's a job, you know."

And while they naturally miss their many companions of former years, Swart and Pettit go about their solitary tasks with the never-ceasing hope that "things'll pick up pretty soon," and think—now and then—of the busy times and the busy scenes that apparently are gone forever.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN CHAIR

Mrs. Catherine A. McKeag,
74, of Claysville, Heart
Trouble Victim — Had Ap-
parently Been Dead a Day.

NEIGHBOR FINDS BODY

CLAYSVILLE, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Catherine A. McKeag, aged 74 years, was found dead in a chair in her home on Highland avenue here about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 9, 1934. She had apparently been dead of heart trouble since some time Monday morning.

A neighbor, Miss McKeag, stopped at the house this morning on her way down street to ask Mrs. McKeag if she wished her to stop and pay a gas bill. She noticed the morning paper still on the porch, and knocked and got no response. She walked in and found Mrs. McKeag sitting in the chair, dead. It is thought her death occurred some time Monday morning, when she had gone to a grocery store. Returning home, she had apparently laid her packages on a table, taken off her hat and one glove and then sat down in a chair, dying instantly. She had been heard at times to complain of pain about her heart.

Mrs. McKeag was the widow of George C. McKeag, who died a number of years ago. She was a daughter of Washington and Elizabeth Neely Martin, who resided for a number of years in Donegal Township, near the old toll gate between Claysville and West Alexander. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She leaves two children, Mrs. Yetta M. Potter, a nurse who makes her home with her mother, and a son, Hamp McKeag, of Rea.

Deputy Coroner R. A. Brownlee was summoned after finding of the body, and it was removed to his funeral home.

Funeral services will be held in the McKeag home at 2 o'clock Thursday, January 11, in charge of Rev. J. W. Cottrell. Interment will be in the Claysville Cemetery.

JOHN H. BERLIN DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Jan 10, 1934
At the home of his daughter, Mrs. Doyce W. Gallagher, 432 Chess street, Bridgeville, yesterday morning at 8:17 o'clock occurred the death of John H. Berlin, who for approximately five years had been a resident of Canonsburg. Mr. Berlin had been in failing health for the past year and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Berlin was a retired farmer and had been a life-long resident of Washington County, residing at Burgettstown, Hickory and Canonsburg. He was visiting his daughter in Bridgeville when his death occurred. He was born in Beaver County.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. D. W. Gallagher, Bridgeville, Mrs. W. W. Conkle, North Jefferson avenue, Canonsburg; John H. Berlin, Jr., and Kenneth Berlin, of Chicago, Ill. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. William Sharp, of Midway, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. S. E. Dunlap, 135 West College street, Canonsburg, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be in charge of the Rev. D. A. Spencer, pastor of the Chartiers U. P. Church of which the deceased was a member. The Rev. Dr. H. Ross Hume, of the Canonsburg U. P. Church, will assist in the services. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Burgettstown.

INDEPENDENCE NATIVE DIES IN MISSOURI HOME

1934
CLAYSVILLE, Jan. 15.—M. A. Liggett today received word of the death of a brother, William W. Liggett, at his home in St. Joseph, Mo., on January 10. Interment was at Harrisonville, Mo.

He was a son of William and Nancy M. Liggett and was born in Independence Township, near Avella. He went west when a young man and had since made his home in Missouri. On December 20, 1883, he married Miss Clara Shaw, who survives with a son, Herbert, of Oklahoma.

There are three brothers and two sisters, M. A. Liggett, C. C. Liggett and Miss Irene Liggett, of Claysville; Louis S. Liggett, of Cadiz, O., and Mrs. G. W. Worley, of Duncan Falls, O.

Park Wilson, County Entrant, Fights Today For Horseshoe Title

1934
HARRISBURG, Jan. 18—(AP) —Park Wilson, of Washington County, and Stewart Straw, of Clearfield County, will fight it out for the horseshoe pitching championship of Pennsylvania on the Farm Show courts tomorrow.

Age triumphed over youth in the semi-finals of the contest, at the State Farm Show tonight, as thousands cheered the winners, victorious over 19 county champions.

To enter the championship round, Wilson, who is 60 years old, defeated Norman Horning, 20-year-old Juniata County youth, in two straight games. Straw triumphed over John Fulton, 18, of Cumberland County.

Secondo Bigi, of Westmoreland County, 1932 champion, who was to have defended his title this year, was disqualified by show officials because he is no longer a farmer.

PARK WILSON IS DEFEATED

Jan 20, 1934
Park Wilson, of Hickory, who is Washington County's representative in the State Farmers' Horseshoe Pitching Tournament at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg, was defeated in the finals yesterday by Stewart Straw, Clearfield County farmer. This is the third year Straw has won the championship.

Wilson, who is 60, advanced into the finals Thursday by defeating Norman Horning, 20, Juniata County, in two straight games. Straw triumphed over John Fulton, 18, of Cumberland County, in the semi-final round.

The Washington County entrant, one of the best shoe flingers in this district, received the \$10 consolation prize, while Straw, who averaged 50 per cent ringers throughout the tourney, won the \$20 tournament prize and the \$25 grand championship prize. Secondo Bigi, Westmoreland County, defending champ who was to have met the new champ in the grand championship match, was ruled ineligible because he has left the farm, and is working in a steel mill.

Why and Wherefore

By CAL HUNTER

Jan 18 1934
Look At Hickory

Hickory deserves honorable mention when the hill villages of Washington County are discussed, for it is today one of the delightful residence and school towns, and its people are served by merchants, garage men, physicians and ministers of character and ability.

Located 1,300 feet above sea level, the metropolis of Mt. Pleasant Township was, in its early days, at times known as a tough town, and around its grog shops were to be found an occasional man who had served time.

Up to Civil War times, the tavern located at what is now the handsome and substantial Colwes corner served the community as a corner saloon. Ale was dispensed in a building where the Romaine Russell house now is.

For the past 70 years and more, Hickory has been on the upgrade as regards the type of citizenship, although since pioneer times there have been some splendid people living there.

A few years before the turn of the century, forward-looking men organized Hickory Academy, and from its walls went out men and women with enlarged vision, some to become doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers, farmers or business men.

There were four young men in the first class graduated, and all became doctors: Dr. D. L. McCarrell, Hickory; Dr. A. O. Hindman, Burgettstown; Dr. Ralph Maxwell, Washington, and Dr. Clark Maxwell, Pittsburgh. Rev. Luther K. Peacock, D. D., Fall River, Mass., and the late Judge Erwin Cummins, of Washington County Common Pleas Court, were students for a time at the Academy.

Young women graduates of Hickory Academy in some instances became teachers, and many eventually married men of similar education or of unusual ambition. It so happens that Mrs. R. E. Conner, wife of Dr. R. E. Conner, one of Hickory's practicing physicians, is a graduate of the Academy, and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell, wife of Dr. D. L. McCarrell, the town's other practicing physician, taught there before her marriage.

About 1904 what is now the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad, then the Wabash, was built through Hickory to bring the community a boom in coal lands and to attract commuters from Pittsburgh. Frequent train service was a delight to the people, and many local young people secured clerical or other work in the city.

For 20 years and more Hickory nurtured ambitions based upon her railroad facilities, her thriving bank, her large milk shipping business, and her fine big vocational school, the latter conceived and built ten years after the completion of the railroad. During the past ten years improved highways have gradually given the town convenient outlets in all directions.

Through the years, railroad passenger service gradually grew less until three years ago, when it went the way of all flesh, but bus service and enlarged use of private cars largely took the place of it. Drilling for gas brought new money into the community. The telephone company flourished.

Closing of the bank, in May, 1931, coupled with other bad business conditions, hurt Hickory's immediate outlook, but not its courage, and today the farmers are expecting much improved profits in the coming months.

The people are now accustomed to doing without a bank, although the various services of what was a splendid bank for a long time are still missed.

The school has through it all had splendid management. Almost the minute the bank closed, an insurance company came forward with every cent of the some \$20,000 that had been on deposit.

The various school boards have been far from perfect, and they have, of course, made mistakes, but on the whole they have handled the large and complicated task intrusted to them with a high degree of faithfulness and as much economy as was consistent with the highest service. To say this is but to echo the sentiment of hundreds of families who have patronized the school the past 20 years.

So there is Hickory, still a fine residence and school town, coming through the depression with its head "bloody but unbowed," and ready to face the next dispensation cheerfully.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY SONS OF REVOLUTION

Feb 7 — 1934

George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, held its annual meeting in the public meeting room of the Courthouse with a gratifying attendance despite wintry weather last evening.

Reports of the meetings of the past year were read by the secretary, which show that the society is keeping alive the traditions and ideals of their Revolutionary ancestors.

The treasurer's report showed that all bills for the year are paid and that a comfortable balance is still in the treasury.

The following were elected officers for the current year: President, Dr. Robert B. South, Buffalo; first vice president, J. Kenneth Hill, Fredericktown; second vice president, J. Reed Chapman, Washington; third vice president, Rev. William F. McKee, D. D., Vanderbilt; secretary, J. Harold Chapman, Washington; treasurer, S. Murray Pollock, Washington; registrar, John N. O'Neil, Washington; historian, Earle R. Forrest, Washington; chaplain, Rev. C. L. McKee, Washington; custodian of the flag, Frank C. Lewis, Washington.

The secretary, the treasurer and the chaplain were named a committee to arrange for timely programs for regular meetings of the society throughout the year.

WILLIAM G. SIMPSON, OF HICKORY, PASSES AWAY

HICKORY, Feb. 21, 1934. William Graham Simpson, aged 80 years, prominent resident of Hickory, died in his home here today at 10:40 a. m., after an illness of 10 days of pneumonia.

A son of John and Nancy McClelland Simpson, he was born at Hickory April 8, 1854, and spent his entire life here. He was widely known as a building contractor. In 1867 he entered the employ of W. H. McPeak for whom he worked 15 years. In 1896 he and J. G. McNary became partners and conducted their business until 1895 when Mr. Simpson went into contracting alone.

He was a staunch Republican and active in affairs of his party. Early in life he united with the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and took an active interest in all work. He was a member of the Alexander Bible Class.

On October 19, 1880, he married Catherine Wells who survives with the following children: Richard Wells Simpson, of Hickory; John McC. Simpson, of Mt. Lebanon; Elvie J., of Crafton; William R., of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Homer McCleary, of Saranac Lake, N. Y.; Mary K. Simpson, at home, and Dr. Arthur M. Simpson, of Toledo, O. There are 12 grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Nancy Gowern, of Canonsburg, also survives.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Friday at 2 p. m. in charge of Rev. C. S. Thomas. Interment will be in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

MRS. JOHN D. LEECH, OF BLAINE TOWNSHIP, DIES

Jul 27 1934

Mrs. Frances McWreath Leech, aged 74 years, widow of John D. Leech, died in her home in Blaine Township Monday at 5:25 p. m. of pneumonia. She had been seriously ill since last Thursday.

Mrs. Leech was a member of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church and of the Women's Missionary Society of the church.

She leaves two sons, Harry L. Leech, of Blaine Township, and Ivan R. Leech, of Pittsburgh; two brothers, Will McWreath, of Elm Grove, W. Va., and Frank McWreath, of Lomita, California, and a sister, Mrs. Blanche Best, of Santa Ana, Calif. There are six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Burial will be in the Washington Cemetery.

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Mrs. Kate Wells Simpson died on Apr. 28 1952

HARRY G. WILSON TAKES CLEVELAND BANK POST

Feb 27 1934
Harry G. Wilson, of 510 East Beau street, who last week was named Executive Director of the Washington County Emergency Relief Board, has withdrawn his name as he has accepted a position with the Guardian Trust Company, of Cleveland, O. Mr. Wilson expects to move from Washington, where he has lived for the past three years, to Cleveland and will assume his new duties on March 1.

Mr. Wilson came to Washington County in March, 1931, from Nebraska as receiver of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella and later was appointed as receiver of the Farmers National Bank at Hickory. He left these positions a few months ago and last week was named as Executive Director of the County Relief Board. His appointment has never been approved at Harrisburg and as the other position came to him he withdrew his name. The Guardian Trust Company of Cleveland, which is now being liquidated, is one of the largest banks in the Ohio city and was an \$80,000,000 institution.

Mr. Wilson and his wife have made many friends in Washington County since coming here and their leaving this section will be regretted by many.

SIX SEEK POSTOFFICE POSITION AT HICKORY

1934
HICKORY, Feb. 28.—Six persons have filed papers as applicants for the postmastership at Hickory. The examination to determine who shall have the appointment will be held at the Washington postoffice next Saturday, March 3. The local civil service examiners of which John A. McKean is chairman, will have charge of the examination.

Applicants for the position of local postmaster are Loyal Marquis, Lloyd Livingood, W. K. Allison, Louis Antonoli and William B. Miller. The salary at present is slightly in excess of \$1,300 and it is understood that on July 1, there will be a considerable cut.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1934

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Patterson-Woodburn

Robert Rankin Patterson, son of J. S. Patterson, of near North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, and Miss Helen Woodburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Woodburn, of Claysville, were married at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, March 1, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. L. Henderson, of Claysville. The bride is a graduate of Claysville High School and a business school in Washington, and has been employed at the Jessop Steel Company. She was dressed in blue transparent velvet with hat to match, and carried a corsage of lilies of the valley, pink rosebuds and yellow snapdragons. They were unattended. Immediately after the ceremony they left on an automobile trip. Her parents have issued invitations for a reception at their home on Petroleum avenue, Claysville, at 8 o'clock on March 9.

IS BADLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT AT WEIRTON

March 14 1934
Michael Baker, aged 20, son of Thomas Baker, of near Bethel Church, Jefferson Township, suffered a compound fracture of both legs, and a compound fracture of the right arm at the Weirton steel mill when caught under a mass of steel as a crane slipped and dropped the load. He was removed to Steubenville and has rallied well. George Nomelock, 36, suffered a compound fracture of his right leg in the same accident.

PNEUMONIA IS FATAL TO INDEPENDENCE MAN

1934
INDEPENDENCE, March 25.—Following an illness of seven weeks of pneumonia, Orville Ellis Findling, aged 46, of this place, died at his home at 5:30 o'clock this morning. Funeral services will be held in the M. E. Church of this place, conducted by the Rev. Jacob Steinstraw, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Findling was a native of West Virginia, having been born near Parkersburg, March 8, 1888. He was a son of Lewis and Lucy Day Findling. He was united in marriage to Hallie McCarty, a daughter of Wilson McCarty, of near Cross Creek. She survives with two children, Fay and Elaine; two sisters, Mrs. Harry Hendrickson, of Hookstown; and Mrs. Randall McCarty, and one brother, Earl Findling, of Cross Creek. His stepmother, Mrs. Jennie Baker Findling, resides near Steubenville.

Lewis Thompson, 17, of Near Cross Creek, Dies After Extended Illness

1934
BURGETTSTOWN, March 29.—Lewis Thompson, aged 17 years, son of Henry and Margaret McCreary Thompson, of near Cross Creek, died at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, March 29, 1934, in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary McCreary, after an illness of several months.

He was born July 1, 1917, near Cross Creek. He was a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. He leaves the following brother and sisters, all at home: Mary, Ann Marie and William.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday, March 31, in the Cross Creek Church, in charge of Rev. Ralph E. Kaufmann. Interment will be in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

MRS. JAMES STEWART, OF WOODROW, IS DEAD

1934
HICKORY, March 29.—Mrs. Margaret Ray Stewart, widow of James Stewart, died at 7 a. m. Thursday, March 29, 1934, in the home of her son, Alvin R. Stewart, of Woodrow, after a long illness.

Mrs. Stewart, who was highly esteemed and respected by a large number of friends, was born in County Cavin, Ireland, November 12, 1865, and was one of the 12 children of James and Margaret Phillips Ray. When she was four years of age she came to the United States with her parents, who settled in Cross Creek Township, where she had resided ever since.

On September 3, 1898, she was married to James Stewart, who died June 15, 1933. She leaves three children: Helen, wife of John M. Caldwell, and Wilhelmina, wife of Clifford C. Carlisle, both of Hickory, and a son, Alvin R. Stewart, with whom she resided. She also leaves 11 grandchildren and two brothers, John J. Ray, of Hickory, and Stewart S. Ray, of Woodrow.

Mrs. Stewart was for many years a member and active worker in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, being particularly active in the Missionary Society and the Sunday School.

Private funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 o'clock in the home, and public services will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, in charge of Rev. C. S. Thomas. Interment will be private in the church cemetery.

W.K. Allison Assumes Duties As Postmaster at Hickory

1931
HICKORY, March 16.—Willard K. Allison has received the appointment as postmaster at Hickory and assumed the position today.

Mr. Allison, one of the enterprising and successful young business men, who is well known and highly respected, is a son of R. M. and Martha Connell Allison and was born in Imperial on February 10, 1890.

A successful hardware merchant at Imperial, he moved to Hickory April 1, 1907, having purchased the hardware business of W. H. McPeak.

After completing his education he was associated with his father in the mercantile business until 1915 when his father, R. M. Allison, retired and his son formed a partnership with William W. Denny, the firm being known as Denny & Allison Hardware and Feed Store.

In 1927 Mr. Allison purchased his partner's interest and entered into partnership with his brother, Raymond.

Mr. Allison's business experience and courteous manner qualify him for filling the new position.

For the present the postoffice will remain in the Rankin building which is centrally located and well adapted to the needs of the office.

The Hickory postoffice is in the third class and is now paying a salary of \$1,300 per year. It is understood it will be \$1,100 after July 1.

The local office serves 240 families including the patrons on the rural routes. Westland is served from the Hickory office.

During the past year, 2,200 money orders were issued and \$5,000 was handled through the postal savings department. Seven hundred registered letters were mailed. About 3,000 little chickens are handled annually.

R. S. Rankin, retiring postmaster has successfully conducted the business for the past 16 years and by his efficient business methods, courteous and accommodating man-

ner gained for him a high measure of esteem and popularity throughout the community. Mr. Rankin and his assistant postmaster, Mrs. Rankin, have made no plans for the future. Temporarily Mr. Rankin will remain as assistant.

Older citizens of the district state that the first mail, semi-weekly, received in Hickory was delivered from Washington via Cross Roads Church and the McKnight farm, the route extending to Burgettstown. The mail was evidently brought to Washington over the National Pike. The first United States mail coaches were run from Washington, D. C., to Wheeling in 1818, and the Washington postoffice in 1840 was one of the largest and most important west of the Alleghenies. It was a distributing office for Pittsburgh and northwestern Pennsylvania as well as to points south of Washington. This mail route was continued until the completion of the Pittsburgh-Steubenville Railroad in 1865.

The first postmaster that is remembered by our oldest citizens was William Simcox, who conducted a general store. The next was James Campbell, well known to those whose memories carry them back 50 or more years ago. At the time of or soon after the completion of the Panhandle Railroad, the Hickory postoffice was served by a Star route from McDonald via Venice to Woodrow.

A number of different persons were employed as carriers on this route. The ones best remembered were Godfrey Vogle, William Armstrong, James McBurney, William Parkinson and George Craft.

At that time all highways were mud roads and the mail was usually carried on horseback. On one occasion when all the horses had a very bad attack of distemper, the carrier made the journey on foot with all the mail on his back. This mail route was abandoned upon completion of the Wabash Railroad in 1904.

From 1885 to 1893, the administration of the Hickory office was entrusted to Joseph Hemphill, who conducted a shoe store in the building now owned by S. O. Scott.

The next 20 years, 1893-1913, the office was efficiently conducted by Charles Retzer, who conducted a grocery store in the building now owned by R. S. Rankin.

With the completion of the Wabash in towns along its route received mail twice a day. In 1904-1906, all the mail received at the Hickory office was carried by one man on foot, a distance of three-fifths of a mile. Later a one-horse wagon was used, and from 1917 to 1931 a half-ton truck was required to transport the increased volume of mail.

In 1913, when Woodrow Wilson became President of the United States, the management of the Hickory postoffice passed into the hands of James M. Marquis, who kept the same until 1916, when Leila McPeak was postmaster for two years. Since then it has been in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin, known to every child of the village old enough to hand a note to the postmaster from mother asking for The Observer.

In November, 1931, the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad Company discontinued passenger, express and mail trains and S. L. McCalmont was employed by the company to transport express by truck from Pittsburgh to Avella, and carried the mail also. Later it was made a Star route and James Wallace, Bridgeville, contracted to make two round trips daily for \$1,800 per year.

One rural carrier operates out of the local office started in 1904. Walter Retzer was the first rural carrier, and he was succeeded by his brother, Charles Retzer, who carried the mail until 1916. He in turn was succeeded by Floyd Frye, who carried the mail during the Summer months in an auto. In 1928 Sam Reedy carried the mail a short time. Since then the patrons on the route have been served by the efficient and courteous David F. Miller.

JAMES P. MILLER DIES IN HOME AT WOODROW

1934
HICKORY, March 19.—James Parker Miller, aged 77 years, a native of Prosperity and a well known farmer, died in his home at Woodrow today at 4 a. m. of heart trouble. He had been in failing health for about nine months but his condition was not serious until two weeks ago.

A son of Edward Parkinson and Mary Kinney Miller, he was born at Prosperity October 8, 1856, where he resided until 1897. Since that time he had lived in the Cross Creek and Mt. Pleasant Townships. In 1882, he married Miss Clara Bell Sprows, of Claysville, who survives with the following children: Joseph L. Miller, of Akron, O.; Edward P., of Woodrow; Mrs. Bertha Kraeer, of McDonald, and Miss May Miller, at home. There are 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

David C. Miller, of Hickory, Frank, of West Middletown, and George, of Akron, O., are brothers.

He was a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. Short funeral services will be held in the late home Wednesday at 2 p. m., with further services in the Mt. Prospect Church at 2:30 p. m. in charge of Rev. C. S. Thomas. Interment will be in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

*Mr. Miller died
on Aug. 4, 1934*

HERRON RESIGNS AS 6TH WARD PRINCIPAL

Mar 30 1934

The request of the Central Labor Union of Washington for use of the Washington High School auditorium was granted by the Washington school board at a special meeting last night. The date for the meeting has not yet been definitely fixed.

The use of the auditorium was also granted for the Jessop Steel Company minstrel to be given for the benefit of the Weirich Avenue Settlement.

Charles M. Herron, for the past 20 years principal of the Sixth Ward school, presented his resignation to become effective at the close of the present school year. Mr. Herron becomes eligible to retire on a pension this year.

The board directed that the secretary advertise for general school supplies. The bids are to be opened at the regular meeting on May 3.

Ray Knestrick was elected vice president of the board in place of the late Harry L. Miller.

JOSEPH T. RYBURN IS INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mar 30 1934

Joseph T. Ryburn, prominent farmer of Chartiers Township, is recovering at his home near Gretna from injuries received in an automobile mishap Wednesday afternoon. He was driving home on the McConnells Mills road when his car was forced from the highway by another machine, the driver of which did not stop and the registration number of which was not secured.

Mr. Ryburn was not seriously hurt, it was stated at his home yesterday, but received cuts on the face and contusions over his body, which will necessitate his being confined to his bed for a few days. The car was badly damaged and was towed into the Patsch garage at Houston.

DR. A. O. HINDMAN

Dr. A. O. Hindman, of Burgettstown, is a candidate on the Democratic ticket in the First District for the Assembly. Dr. Hindman was born in Cross Creek Township, attended the public schools, Hickory Academy, Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., and was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in medicine. He started the practice of medicine in 1899 in Cross Creek and later removed to Burgettstown, where he has continuously practiced his profession. Dr. Hindman is one of the best known physicians of the county and a former president of the Washington County Medical Society.

at home to their friends in Mt. Lebanon.

L. M. Irwin to Be Brought Here for Another Sentence

APRIL 6, 1934

L. M. Irwin, cashier of the Lincoln National Bank, of Avella, when it closed its doors several years ago, and now serving a sentence in the Federal Reformatory at Petersburg, Virginia, will be brought back to Washington County for sentence on his plea of guilty of criminal charges against him here, when his term at Petersburg expires this week. This announcement was made yesterday by District Attorney Warren S. Burchinal.

After the Lincoln National Bank was closed Irwin was arrested on a warrant issued in Washington County charging him with embezzlement, fraudulent conversion and keeping fraudulent accounts by a corporate officer in connection with his office as secretary and treasurer of the Township of Cross Creek. There were 37 counts in the indictment, and the total amount of township funds alleged to have been involved was \$36,650. He was indicted in the local Court.

After his arrest here he was indicted in the United States District Court in Pittsburgh for alleged

violation of the Federal banking laws in connection with his operations of the Lincoln National Bank of which he was then the cashier.

On December 7, 1931, Irwin appeared before Judge Howard W. Hughes and entered a plea of guilty to the charges against him in the Washington County Courts. However, the Federal authorities had asked for him. Sentence was, therefore, deferred by the local Court, and he was turned over to a United States Marshal. He then went before the United States District Court and upon his plea of guilty of the Federal charges he was sentenced to three years in the Federal reformatory at Petersburg.

District Attorney Warren S. Burchinal then entered a bench warrant at Petersburg for Irwin. Notice has been received by the District Attorney that his term will expire on Thursday. Irwin has signed a waiver of extradition and an officer will be sent to Petersburg to bring him here for sentence under his plea entered three years ago.

FORMER MT. PLEASANT MAN DIES IN ASHTABULA

1934

HICKORY, April 5. — Word was received here today of the death of Frank McClay McElroy, a native of Mt. Pleasant Township, in his home at Ashtabula, O., this morning at 7 o'clock.

A son of Alexander and Melissa McElroy, he was born in Mt. Pleasant Township June 18, 1874 and followed farming his entire life, having been unusually successful.

In 1898 he married Hadessa Rankin and for the last 27 years the family had resided in Ashtabula, where Mr. McElroy was a ruling elder in the First United Presbyterian Church.

His wife and the following children survive: Mrs. W. Neiderhauser, of Williamstown, Mass.; Julius Rankin McElroy, John Walton McElroy and Alexander Rankin McElroy, all of Ashtabula. There are two grandchildren, John McElroy, of Omaha, Neb., is a brother, and Mrs. Leman Patterson and Mrs. Cora Maxwell, of Buffalo Village, and Mrs. Howard Ely, of Washington, R. D., are sisters.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. in the home of Miss Sydella Rankin, of Hickory, in charge of Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

PNEUMONIA IS FATAL TO LEROY TOWNSEND, AGED 26

Apr 11 1934

As a result of an attack of pneumonia, which followed scarlet fever Leroy Blackamore Townsend, 26, of Burgettstown, died in the Canonsburg Hospital Saturday afternoon. He had been ill for more than a month but was taken to the Canonsburg institution on Sunday, April 1, when pneumonia developed.

Private funeral services were held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Townsend, in Peters Township, yesterday afternoon followed by further services in the Peters Creek United Presbyterian Church.

He was born at Morgantown, W. Va., 26 years ago but the greater part of his life had been spent in this section. He resided in Peters Township most of his life but moved to Burgettstown several years ago where he has since resided.

He is survived by his wife and a small son, Leroy, as well as his parents and two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Raymond Baird, Oleida, Donley and Boyd, all of Peters Township.

Mr. McElroy died

25 **L. M. IRWIN IS
NOW PRISONER
IN COUNTY JAIL**

**Former Avella Banker Is
Claimed by County Detec-
tive Frank Creps as He
Ends Federal Prison Term.**

**FACES MISAPPROPRIATION
OF FUNDS CHARGE HERE**

**Pleading Guilty to Mishand-
ling Funds of Cross Creek
Township, He Is to Be Ar-
raigned for Sentence.**

April 13 1934
\$30,000 IS INVOLVED

L. M. Irwin, former cashier of the closed Lincoln National Bank of Avella was placed in the Washington County Jail last night to await sentence in the local courts on a charge of misappropriating funds of Cross Creek Township.

Irwin yesterday completed his sentence of three years for violation of the Federal banking laws. He was imprisoned in the Federal Reformatory at Petersburg, Va., during the period.

Promptly at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, County Detective Frank Creps presented his credentials to the authorities of the prison and Irwin was given into his custody. Detective Creps and his prisoner arrived in Washington last night.

Previous to being arraigned in Pittsburgh to answer to charges he had violated the Federal banking statutes, Irwin had been taken into custody and arraigned here on the charges growing out of misappropriation of Cross Creek Township funds. He entered a plea of guilty. Federal authorities then claimed him and he was never sentenced here.

District Attorney Warren S. Burchinal announced last night he had arranged for a conference this morning with Irwin's counsel. The date of imposing sentence will depend upon the procedure which will be taken by Irwin's legal representative.

Misappropriation of Cross Creek Township funds to which Irwin pleaded guilty total approximately \$30,000. In the trying early days of the depression, when the bank of which Irwin was cashier for approximately a quarter of a century had grown to apparently one of the strongest in the district, he diverted funds of the district to various accounts in an endeavor to weather the storm. Irwin's plans went awry and he found himself enmeshed in a hopeless financial maze, the bank finally closing its doors.

Closing of the bank was an unexpected blow to the community. It was believed to be one of the soundest in Western Pennsylvania. It had grown and prospered, especially during the coal boom, and was believed to be practically impregnable. Collapse of the coal industry previous to the depression had served to weaken assets of the banks and apparently good loans.

Once a man of considerable wealth, Irwin has been stripped of his possessions, large tracts of farm and coal lands having been sold and only recently his home in Avella was disposed of at public outcry.

Because of his unusual success as a business man and banker, Irwin was made custodian of the funds of Cross Creek Township, adjoining Avella, and had full control of them. They were all deposited in the bank of which he was the head. Closing of the bank and collapse of assets held by it and misappropriation of funds placed in his care, has resulted in the township becoming heavily involved.

SET M'GUFFEY READERS

IS GIVEN TO W. & J.

April 1 1934
W. & J. Colege has received from Henry Ford a set of exact copies of the elementary readers written a century ago by William Holmes McGuffey, who graduated from W. & J. in 1826 and has been called the "father of modern elementary education." The first of the six books is autographed by the automobile magnate.

In return, the College plans to lend to Mr. Ford its Hebrew Grammar, made by McGuffey while a student at W. & J. When attending college, McGuffey was too poor to purchase a Hebrew grammar text book required in a course he was studying, so he borrowed another students' book and painstakingly made a copy of it in freehand printing. Hours of slow and careful work were required to make the copy in the difficult Hebrew letters, and it is one of the most valuable relics of McGuffey's early life. The book was one of the few McGuffey relics rescued when his home at Oxford, Ohio, was swept by a flood. It was presented to the College by McGuffey's granddaughter, Miss Katherine Stewart, of New York City.

The six books sent W. & J. are exact copies in every respect of the original McGuffey Eclectic Readers. They were made at great expense to Mr. Ford, who even went so far as to require that wooden etchings like the original ones be made.

SOCIETY

Remembered on Birthday

John P. White, long active in the work of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, was remembered on his 77th birthday by greetings from the members of the session and the Woman's Bible Class of which he has been teaching for a number of years. Mr. White is not only the oldest member of the session in years, but he has to his credit a period of over 40 years of seervice as ruling elder. Mr. White has been a life-long worker in the Mt. Prospect Church with the exception of two years, during which he lived in Hopewell Township. During that time he and Mrs. White worshipped in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church. The church records show that in the last 80 years but three men have served as ruling elder for a longer period than Mr. White. James F. Hill, W. Mason Campbell and J. Reed Lyle served in that capacity for 57, 51 and 47 years respectively.

Visit in Hickory

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Caldwell, who spent the winter in St. Cloud, Fla., and are on their way to their home in Columbus, O., spent the week-end with their cousin, Mrs. Katherine Simpson, of Hickory.

Leaves for New York Home

Mrs. Homer McCreary, who has been spending the last few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Simpson, of Hickory, left on Friday for her home in Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Hickory Senior Entertainment

The members of the senior class of Hickory High School and their friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, Cross Creek, on Friday evening. Cards and dancing were the diversions of the evening. Members of the high school faculty present were: Miss Vivian Yeany, Miss Margaret Post and Miss Myrtle Peacock. Refreshments furnished by the seniors was served by their hostess, Mrs. Lee.

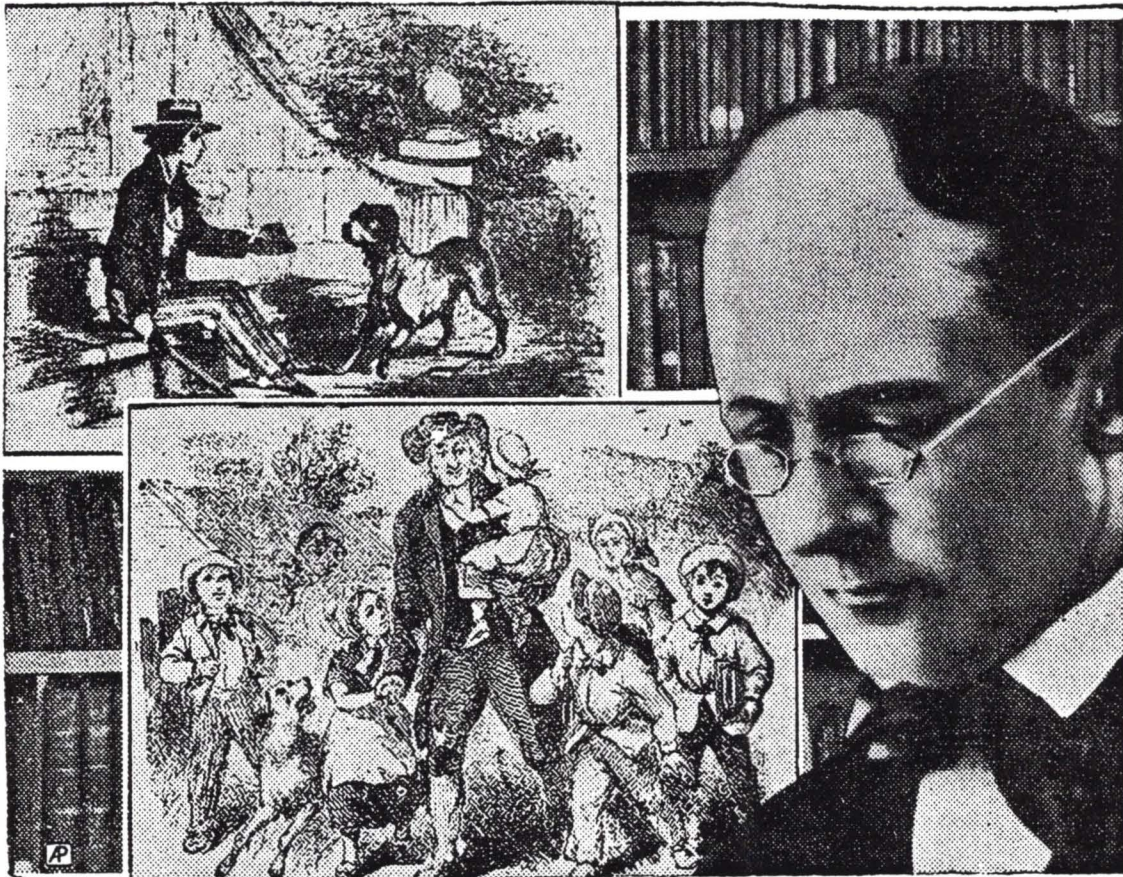
**April 13 Not So Hot
59 Years Ago; Mercury
Dropped to Zero Point**

1934

ELDERSVILLE, April 16. — An old record has come to light here showing that zero weather visited the district in mid-April 59 years ago, when the thermometer registered that temperature on April 13. It was not determined whether April 13 that year came on Friday, as it did this year.

They Will Still Read McGuffey

Cabin In Which Writer Was Born To Be Used As School



The drawings reproduced here should be familiar to thousands of persons, for they were among the illustrations of the famous McGuffey readers which have enjoyed an immense popularity among school children during the past century. The upper picture shows a cruel boy who lured a dog to him and then struck it. Below—the reward of kindness. William Holmes McGuffey, author of the textbooks, is shown at the right. The books in the background are part of the McGuffey museum, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

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OXFORD, O., April 23.—(AP)—A handful of children at a unique school near Detroit will have a chance to study the McGuffey readers—in revised editions—that introduced thousands of their elders to "literature" in the past century.

And the school building will be the log cabin in which William Holmes McGuffey, the author of those textbooks crammed with moral teachings, was born.

It has been moved from the old McGuffey homestead, near Claysville, Pa., to be set up in Greenville village, Henry Ford's model pioneer town.

McGuffey's Record

Not many American book-writers have done as well as McGuffey from the standpoint of volume. Dr. H. C. Minnich, curator of the McGuffey museum here and a recognized authority on McGuffey, says the man's name has appeared on more books sold in the United States than any other writer's.

The publisher of the McGuffey readers says the sale of no other reader has equaled McGuffey's. The first of the books was printed in 1836, and the company reports revised editions are still being printed and sold.

Total sales of the McGuffey texts are estimated at 122,000,000. There were seven books, including a primer.

Homely Moral Lessons

It wasn't that McGuffey opened a virgin field, authorities say. There were plenty of readers on the market when his first book was published. But he put homely moral lessons in his readers and phrased them in simple literary style. They found a big market.

Men and women whose early schooldays brought them under the McGuffey influence have testified to the depth and permanence of his moral teachings. Some historians and sociologists have said that the readers had something to

do with the shaping of American civilization.

"It was the ethical content, the attention to matters of conduct that helped make the McGuffey readers so popular," says one book editor. "They were the first readers that contained real literature. And they were timely. They reached the public at a time when people were paying a great deal of attention to morals."

Work has not been started yet this Spring at the Henry Y. Blayne farm in West Finley Township from which the old Holmes log Homestead in which McGuffey was born was removed by Henry Ford. Improvements have been made about the historic spot. It is generally understood that Ford plans to have a marker placed on the site of the old home. Dedication ceremonies, it is stated, will be held there next Fall on the anniversary of the birth of Dr. McGuffey.

DEATH IS S



Col. A. W. Cummins, widely known citizen of Houston, died suddenly yesterday at his home, being stricken just a few minutes after he had returned to his home from his flower garden in which he had been working. As an auctioneer, Col. Cummins was known over a wide area. He retired a few years ago.

A. W. CUMMINS DIES SUDDENLY

Houston Citizen Was Widely Known as Auctioneer—Expires After Working in Flower Garden.

May 1 1934 FUNERAL THURSDAY

Colonel Andrew Wilson Cummins, 80, widely known Houston resident who retired two years ago after having spent 60 years continuously in business as an auctioneer, died suddenly at 11 a. m. yesterday at his home, corner of Third and Pike streets, Houston.

An enthusiastic flower gardener, he had worked for some time this morning about the premises of his home, and was apparently in his usual health. Shortly before 11 o'clock he sat down in a chair on his porch to rest, and a few minutes later was found there, dead, apparently the victim of a sudden heart attack.

He was born in Chartiers Township, near the Cross Roads church, in 1853, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Cummins. At the age of 18 he began his career as an auctioneer, and during the next 60 years he conducted 1,010 days of sales in 25 states, and five sales in

He founded the firm of A. W. Cummins, auctioneer, later taking in his sons, George D. and Hugh S., which partnership has continued through the lives of the father and sons.

Colonel Cummins was always amused to tell how he received the honorary title of "colonel." It was conferred on him by the late James L. Henderson, of Washington, and was prefixed to his name on an advertisement of an important sale of livestock. As such it was printed in the Ohio Stockman

and Farmer and continued from that time until his death.

Surviving are three sons, George D. Cummins, of Houston, Hugh S. Cummins, of Canonsburg, and Howard Cummins, of Brownsville, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Browning, of Zanesville, O., and Mrs. Nora Timmins, of Quaker City, O.; a brother, Thomas D. Cummins, of McConnells Mills; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, of Moninger, and three half brothers, Edward and William Cummins, both of Washington, and John Cummins, of McConnells Mills. The late Judge Erwin Cummins and Mrs. Laura Challenger were a son and daughter.

Funeral services are to be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Houston United Presbyterian Church, of which Colonel Cummins was a member. The Rev. W. F. Harkey, pastor of the church, will be in charge. Burial will be in Oak Springs Cemetery, Canonsburg.

QUEEN O' THE MAY



AMY MUNDELL 1934

WAYNESBURG, April 30.—Miss Amy Mundell, of Waynesburg, who will become the first May Queen in the history of Waynesburg College, at campus coronation ceremonies Tuesday morning, starting at 10 o'clock, was chosen by fellow students on the basis of beauty, personality, poise and achievements. She is a daughter of Prof. and Mrs. O. C. Mundell, of Waynesburg.

The May Day program will include an interclass track and field meet and a varsity tennis match with Bethany in the afternoon, and a coronation ball at the Armory from 9 to 1 in the evening.

OLD HURTS CAUSE DEATH OF ROBERT P. MILLIRON

HICKORY, April 29. — Injuries which he suffered from a fall from a roof two years ago were believed to have resulted in the death of Robert P. Milliron, 62, in his home three miles north of here Saturday at a. m.

Mr. Milliron received a broken hip and other injuries in his fall and several times had been forced to receive hospital treatment.

Born at Brookville March 9, 1872, where he spent his early life, he had resided in the Hickory district for the last 20 years. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church and took an active interest in civic affairs.

He leaves his wife and a daughter, Miss Dorothy Milliron, at home, and four other daughters and a son, Mrs. L. S. Morgan, Mrs. John Freshwater and Mrs. H. L. Morrison, all of McDonald, R. D., and Mrs. John Johnston, of Coatesville, and Iford Milliron, of Loganstown. There are nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. in the Hickory U. P. Church in charge of Rev. C. L. Myers, assisted by Rev. C. T. Littell. Interment will be in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

NELSON D. FERGUSON IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

BULGER, April 29.—Nelson D. Ferguson, aged 65 years, a well-known farmer of this section, died in his home Saturday. His death followed an illness of ten days of pneumonia.

Mr. Ferguson was a son of James and Mary Jane Ferguson and was born in Jackson County, West Virginia. He was of a family of 17 children, three brothers and five sisters surviving.

He leaves his wife and the following children: Mrs. Clara Hill, Burgettstown; Mrs. Bertha Pierce, Wellsburg, W. Va.; Mrs. Nellie Kuhn, Burgettstown; Mrs. Mat Shenefield, New Cumberland, W. Va.; Robert, Dan and Donald Ferguson, all of Weirton, W. Va. He also leaves 22 grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. Walter Irwin, will be held in his late home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Raccoon Cemetery, Candor.

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Mrs. Lou S. Liggett

Maude Scott Liggett, wife of L. S. Liggett, of near Cadiz, O., died Saturday morning, May 26, 1934, at the home of a son, Dr. L. L. Liggett, at St. Clairsville, O., where she had gone two months before for medical treatment.

She was born in Washington, Pa., August 9, 1872, a daughter of J. Finley and Margaret Davis Scott. She grew to womanhood in the family home near Buffalo, and united with the Buffalo Presbyterian Church in girlhood. She married L. S. Liggett, of near West Middletown, September 16, 1902. Some years after this they moved to a new home near Cadiz, Ohio.

To this union were born five children, Mrs. Adonine Sedgmer, of Cadiz, O.; Mrs. Frances Sinclair, of Cadiz, O.; George S. Liggett, of Warren, O. Two children are deceased: Paul Liggett, a student in W. & J. College, who died after an accident on the farm July 29, 1929, and Alchie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Liggett is also survived by the following step-children: Mrs. Lena Martin, St. Clairsville, O.; Dr. L. L. Liggett, St. Clairsville, O.; John P. Liggett, Cadiz, O.; Mrs. Margaret Hall, Warren, O.; Ernest Liggett, Valley Grove, W. Va. Mrs. Mary F. Brownlee, of near West Middletown, is the only surviving sister.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 28, 1934, at the home of Dr. Martin in St. Clairsville, and at the Dickerson M. E. Church near their home. Mrs. Liggett was laid to rest in the family burial plot at St. Clairsville, Monday, May 28. She had many relatives and friends in both this county and in Ohio.

May Day Pageant at Hickory Attracts Throng to Village

1934

HICKORY, May 30.—The tenth May Day pageant of the Mt. Pleasant Township public schools was held this evening on the United Presbyterian Church lawn.

A gathering variously estimated at from 700 to 900 people witnessed the performance of the 200 or more children in the pageant. Throughout the entire performance a fine precision reflected the training given by the director, Miss Virginia O'Brien, and a feature was the unique costumes made by the class in home eco-

nomics as directed by Miss Mary Vogle, teacher of that department.

The Tumblers, 12 boys trained by E. C. Wiggins, gave an excellent exhibition of stunts—someraults, pyramid building, flipflops, four-legged races, etc.

The Home Economics Class held a lawn fete on the school ground before and after the pageant.

People were present from all the surrounding towns—Canonsburg, Houston, West Middletown, Cross Creek, Burgettstown, McDonald, Steubenville, Midway and Imperial.

W. SCOTT WALKER DIES IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

1934

BURGETTSTOWN, May 20.—W. Scott Walker, 82, a life-long resident of Jefferson Township, died Saturday at 6:15 p. m. on the old Walker homestead, where he had spent his entire life.

He was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Jerome Walker and well-known in this district. In 1892, he married Margaret Jester, who survives with the following children: Mrs. W. Guy Anderson and John G. Walker, of Cross Creek; Mrs. Aubrey Gillespie, of Manifold; Mrs. R. Lee Groones, of Braddock; Miss Hazel Walker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Lyle and Charles Walker, at home. A sister, Mrs. H. Bell Daugherty, of Bulger, also survives.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Tuesday at 2 p. m. (E. S. T.) in charge of Rev. Ralph Kaufman. Interment will be in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

WILLIAM RICHEY, 77, OF INDEPENDENCE, IS DEAD

1934

INDEPENDENCE, May 20.—The death of William Richey, 77, occurred today at 12:30 o'clock at his home in the village after an illness of several months of dropsy and other complications. Funeral services will be held in the Independence Methodist Episcopal Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Jacob Steinstraw. Burial will be in the Independence Cemetery.

Mr. Richey was a native of this section having been born here May 11, 1857. He had spent his entire life in this township and was well-known. For many years he followed farming and was also one of the oldtime harness makers having conducted a shop here for a number of years. He was also noted as a trapper and hunter having been an expert with a gun. Early in life he was united in marriage to Sidie Dimit and to this union three children were born, one of whom survives, Mrs. George Smith, of near here.

He was again united in marriage to Mary Cox in 1895, who survives; and to this marriage nine children were born, eight of whom survive. William Richey, near Washington; Wilbur Richey, Joe Richey and John Richey, of Independence; and Mrs. Charles Black, Mrs. James Black, Mrs. Edward Black and Mrs. Allen Strong, all of Canton, O. He has also 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two half-brothers and three half-sisters survive: Harris Baker and Bert Baker, of Fredonia; Mrs. Jennie Findling and Mrs. Mary Bartel, near Richmond, O., and Elizabeth, of Pittsburgh. In politics Mr. Richey was a staunch Republican.

ACCEPTS SECRETARIAL POSITION AT WOOSTER

1934

HICKORY, May 31.—Miss Sara McCarrell, of Hickory, has accepted a secretarial position with the Dean of Women at the College of Wooster, Wooster, O. Miss McCarrell is a graduate of Wooster in the class of 1933 and for the past term has been a student at the Grace Martin Secretarial College of Pittsburgh. She left today to assume her duties.

Dunbar Reunion

The spacious home and large, beautiful lawn of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore Stewart, of Hickory, was the scene of a happy gathering when the descendants of William and Isabella Van Eman Dunbar gathered there for their annual family reunion. At the noon hour a sumptuous basket picnic dinner was served. A short business session was held and S. S. Dunbar, of Cross Creek, was elected president, and Mrs. R. K. Patton was elected secretary. A program was given

and a short history of the Dunbar clan was read. Games were played by the younger folk and the older ones enjoyed the afternoon in social visiting.

Those present were: Mrs. Mollie Duncan, William and George Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dunbar, and Miss Laura Gault, of Cross Creek; Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Dunbar and son, Joseph, of Colrain, O.; Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Say, Samuel Say, and Cynthia Ann Say, of East McKeesport; Dr. and Mrs. McCarrell Dunbar and son, David; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Patton, Mrs. Martha Dunbar, Mrs. Mildred Whitehill and children, Leonard and Helen Jane, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Earle Cunningham and daughter, Elizabeth, of Rea; Miss Effie Cunningham, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lee, and Monford Leig, of Burgettstown; Mrs. Mary S. Lyle, Mrs. A. S. Cunningham, and Edward Stewart, of Hickory.



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INDIVIDUAL PLATFORM

Economy in Government is a paramount State issue this fall.

Reduced costs and expenditures must balance the budget, rather than additional taxation or bond issues. The higher paid salaries in State and County can be reduced up to 50% with a saving of \$10,000,000 per annum.

Unnecessary jobs should be eliminated and all travel expenses to be actual cost by common carrier.

Real Estate taxation can be relieved by a graduated income tax.

The gasoline tax is sufficient to care for the roads. Gas used for power not on the roads should be exempt from taxation.

The present system of assessing and collecting taxes needs to be revised.

Utility rates are not based on present-day costs or valuations and should be lowered. The exclusive franchise granted the company carries with it a duty to furnish at its own expense a service connection to every home and consumer in its district.

The highways have been built with the taxpayers' money and are for the free and unrestricted use of the public, subject to the rules of the road. Exclusive franchises should belong only to private rights-of-way.

The Public Service Commission should be an elective body and for a short term.

Public regulation of power companies and their operating subsidiaries is "absolutely essential in the public interest," the Federal Power Commission declared the other day. I am in hearty accord, and shall work to this end.

The killing of over 1000 persons a year by automobiles in Pennsylvania necessitates more rigid enforcement of road rules.

The problems of State Government demand a business-like and impartial solution.

To attain these ends we ask your co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BROWN.