

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1924

## Railroad officials to Meet in Jackson.

Mr. W. E. Patterson, Hocking Valley agent, extended an invitation to the Over, Short and Damage Committee of the Hocking Valley Railroad to meet in Jackson at a meeting a short time ago in Logan. They have accepted the invitation and the meeting will be held February 15th. A number of prominent officials of the Hocking Valley Railroad will attend this meeting.

## Booth—Savely Nuptial

Mr. Stanley Booth and Miss Mary Savely of Columbus Ohio were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCarty of Huron Street Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. Chester White performed the ceremony.

Mr. Booth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Booth of this city and is a well known and popular young man. Mrs. Booth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snavely of Columbus Ohio. She is a fine young lady and has been employed for several years by the Bell Telephone Company of Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth left immediately after the ceremony for Columbus where they will make their future home.

## AGED WOMAN DIES

Mrs. William Yerian died at her home in Liberty township last Thursday at the ripe old age of ninety years. She has been a resident of Jackson County all her life and with her aged husband was making her home with her son Edward in Liberty township.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Frank of Colorado, Joe of California, and Edward of Jackson County, and by two daughters, Mrs. Albert Harper of Liberty township and Mrs. B. J. Timlen of Hubberston, Michigan.

The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at the home with Rev. Millikan officiating and the burial made in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIED WEDNESDAY

Mr. Hugh Dougherty of Springfield died early last Wednesday morning after several years illness. He was a resident of Jackson for many years and is a cousin of Dan and Frank Crossin of this city. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Misses Madge, Kate and Helen and a son John. The funeral services and burial took place in Springfield last Friday morning.

## INCOME TAX BLANKS

The First National Bank of this city have received a supply of income tax blanks for distribution. You may have one by calling at the bank for it. Your blank must be filled out and first quarterly payment made by Mch. 15th. Get yours now.

## J. H. Montgomery Dead

Mr. John H. Montgomery died early Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Betts, on East Broadway. Mr. Montgomery was a Confederate soldier and was 79 years of age at the time of his death. He is the father of Ed. Montgomery. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the United Brethren church, conducted by Rev. E. B. White and the burial made in Fairmount in charge of Charles L. Wood.

## NEW SHOW HOUSE

Mr. J. E. Evans who leased the Grand Opera House sometime ago will open the theater next Friday evening with Mr. Joe Radcliffe, former owner and manager of the Victory Theatre, as manager.

The theater has been renovated and cleaned and many improvements made. A moving picture machine and screen have been installed and the

# LAST WEEK OF EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN WILL BE GREATEST

## Special Services Planned for All Week. "Shut-ins" on Friday.

The meetings being held at the tabernacle are now at their height. More interest was manifested last week than in any other week of the meeting. Many souls have already been brought to Christ and a great harvest is anticipated this week as a result of the last few weeks work.

Special meetings were held last week including luncheons for the business women and men. The high school was entertained on Friday evening at the Christian Church with a luncheon after which they went to the tabernacle service. Many of the young people took a stand for Christ at that service.

There will be some special meetings during this closing week. On Tuesday evening Rev. Upson sang the Holy City. On Thursday evening a special

feature will be given in the form of a song called the Gate Song. Friday evening will be family night and a prize will be given to the largest family present. On Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a special service for "shut-ins" and elderly people. For this meeting an attempt will be made to have present all people who cannot come to the night services. Ways will be provided to take these people to this meeting. Mrs. Will Peters is chairman of the committee.

Sunday will be the last day of the meeting and three services will be held at the tabernacle. Early Monday morning beginning as soon after midnight Sunday, as possible the work of tearing down the tabernacle will be started. Every ones services will be needed.

## EVANS & MCDONALD HAVE NEW OFFICES

### Firm Occupies Rooms on Second Floor of Bank Building.

Evans & McDonald are now located in their new office rooms on the second floor of the Commercial Bank Building. The first floor room formerly occupied by the firm will be retained as a general insurance office. The upstairs rooms will be devoted largely to the loan business which the company handles. The new office is attractively arranged, and is an ideal office location.

J. E. Evans and J. P. McDonald handle a general insurance business, as well as investments and loans. Last year the firm handled nearly \$100,000 in farm loans, almost all of it to Jackson County farmers. An even larger amount of loans of other kinds was made during the year.

## Delegates to Convention

Rev. Lewis Lenheim and Miss Elizabeth Morris will attend the national convention of the Seventh Day Adventist Church which will be held in Washington D. C. January 31st and February 1st. Rev. R. S. Lindsay and Rev. C. F. Ulrich who are well known in Jackson also expect to attend.

## BASKET BALL

The Hamden high school basket ball team defeated the Byer school team on the Hamden court last Wednesday evening. The final score being 19 to 8. This is the first year that Byer has had a team and they played a very creditable game. Hamden has a good team and has been defeating several of the school teams in this vicinity during this season.

The lineup was as follows:

Center	Hamden	Byer
R. Forward	Bobo	Goodrich
L. Forward	Smiley	Speakman
R. Guard	Steele	D. Daugherty
L. Guard	Evans	Maple
	Gardner	K. Daugherty

## Improvements at State Fair Grounds

Work on the State Fair Grounds at Columbus is progressing rapidly. At present the old swine barn has been torn down and the foundation for a new cattle building, on the same site, is well under way. This structure, when completed, will cover three acres and accommodate 2,000 head of cattle without crowding. It will be strictly modern and include a basement under one end that will measure 35 by 350 feet. This basement will be used to house nurse cows, and supplies and

## Attend Funeral

Among the out of town people attending the funeral of Mrs. Heber Stephenson were Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Borges, Lima, O.; Mrs. Carl Zeller, Niles, O.; Mr. B. S. Stephenson, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. James Higbee, Franklin, Penn.; Mrs. C. L. McCulley, Cambridge, O.; Dr. Anders, Waverly; Dr. Franklin Scott, Wellston; Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Scott, Glenroy; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Weldon, Wellston.

## MRS. H. STEPHENSON DIED LAST TUESDAY

### Prominent Woman Passed Away in Grant Hospital.

The many friends of Mrs. Heber Stephenson were shocked last week to hear of her sudden death. She had been ill for a few weeks, but she was not thought to be in a critical condition until after she was taken to the hospital. An operation was performed on the 19th which was followed by her death on the afternoon of the 22nd.

Mrs. Stephenson's home until her marriage was in Lima Ohio. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Borges and was 40 years of age. She was a graduate of the Lima high school and of Oberlin University. Since coming to Jackson to make her home, Mrs. Stephenson has made many friends and was well known in the social and civic circles of Jackson.

She is survived by her husband and children, Hiram and Bertha, and a step-daughter, Margaret.

The funeral services were held at the home last Friday afternoon with Rev. W. A. Millikan of the Methodist church officiating. The burial was made in Fairmount cemetery.

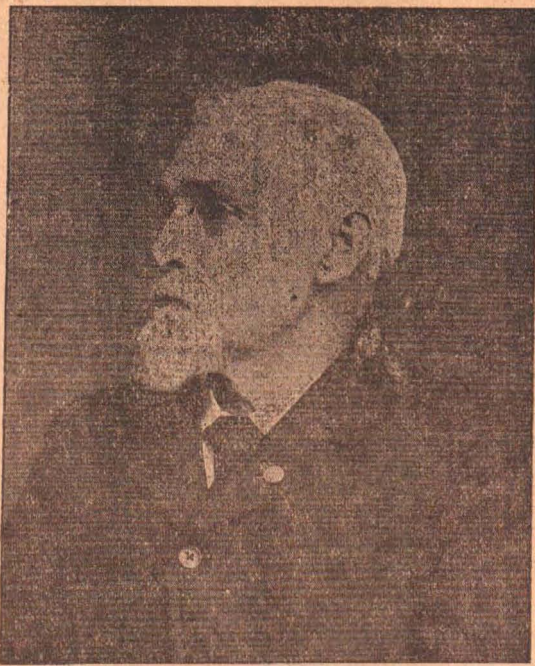
## DEATH OF MRS. VYERS

Mrs. Frank Vyers died at her home in the Nail Mill Addition last Friday. She is 68 years of age and is survived by her husband.

The funeral service was held Tuesday at one o'clock with Rev. E. B. White of the United Brethren church officiating. The burial which was made in Fairmount was in charge of Charles L. Wood.

## Buried in Jackson

Mr. Walter Hughes who died Wednesday in Springfield was brought to the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Gee Spriggs on Friday. The funeral service was held at the same residence at 9:30 Saturday morning with Rev. J. C. White officiating. The burial was made in Fairmount. Mr. Hughes is survived by his wife and two daughters.



SMITH FRENCH

### FRENCH THE LAST OF THE STAGE COACH DRIVERS

In this day of the automobile it is hard for young people to realize the state of things in Jackson County in October 1832, when Smith French was born in the French tavern which stood on Main street in Jackson between the alley west of Claar Brothers, and the Gibson House. The tavern was a large building, occupying much of the lot, and the stables stood in the rear, where the Iron Barn is now. An old cistern belonging to the old barn was discovered accidentally last year by Warren Pierce while making some repairs.

The elder French conducted a tavern, and he also operated a stage coach line from Chillicothe through Jackson to Gallipolis. When his son Smith French was old enough he was made a driver, and he spent many years on the road between the old Capital in the Scioto valley and the French town on the Ohio. He was put out of business by the coming of the railroads. His last run to the west from Jackson to Byer, to the end of the railroad building from Cincinnati to Marietta.

The roads of those days were in a horrible condition in the winter time, and there were weeks when the stage did not run. A lady who once visited my home told me that she spent one winter at the Mather home near Bierlytown, and every visit to Jackson was made in an ox wagon. French told me much about the old time roads, and the full story of his experiences would have filled a small volume.

He remembered the day that the Court House burned down in 1860, and gave me the story which I printed some years ago. He told me many stories of his boyhood in Jackson, several of which were printed from time to time. He had one boyhood acquaintance who became afterward a very famous man, Col. J. W. Powell, who was the first man to explore the can-

French was the last survivor of the Thirties, born in Jackson, and at the time of his death he was the oldest survivor of the natives of Jackson. Among my notes, I have a list of all his neighbors from Bridge Street down to Railroad street, and along beyond the Colorado, and who afterward served for many years as chief of the U. S. Geological Survey. Powell lived with his parents in a small cottage on the lot where the Crescent Opera House is now. Main, Pearl and Water streets. In those days that area was practically all of Jackson.

French had a remarkable physique. I saw him the last time in Jackson late in 1923. He would visit the store of James S. Ridenour while he was in business. And he had a few other acquaintances, beside myself. He was alive and alert as a young man, even to the last time that I met him. When the end came he was in his ninety second year, and when he passed a chapter in the history of the county was closed.

He married Miss Caroline Wood in 1857, and six children were born to them, all of whom survive. A. A. French, at whose home he died down near Limerick, H. W. French of Syracuse, New York, Frank French of Gettysburg, South Dakota, Dr. Charles French of Santa Monica California, Betty Louise of Springfield Ohio and Roma Slage of Dayton. There survive also twenty-seven grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

My notes about French are in my home at Jackson, and I am not able on that account to write what I would like about him. But I want to say that he spent many hours in my office, and entertained me as few men could. It is a source of great regret to me, that I did not collect all the data of his life, for they would have been valuable additions to the story of the old time days now gone forever.

DAN W. WILLIAMS,

## OBITUARY

Ellen S. Lewis.

We have assembled here today to pay our last tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of those whose number are growing fewer each year who belong to the generation whose early life was identified with the early history of Jackson County.

Ellen S. Jones, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Williams Jones, was born at Newark, Ohio, March 3rd, 1848, and passed away at her home in Jackson Ohio January 20, 1924, aged 75 years, 10 months and 17 days.

She was one of a family of six children, all having passed away except one brother, Morgan S. Jones of Jackson.

When about two years of age, she came to this county settling in the Soar neighborhood, but the family only remained there about one year, moving with her parents to the Horeb neighborhood in Jefferson township.

She became a member of the Horeb church early in life, later transferring it to the Welsh Presbyterian Church of Jackson.

Her early years were spent on the farm home and a short portion at Cincinnati.

This was the ordinary everyday life of a young girl of that period and her advantages were those of the average growing girl, learning the lessons of industry and thrift.

September 20, 1866 she united in marriage with David M. Lewis of the Sardis community. This was soon after the close of the Civil War in which her husband had been a faithful soldier.

They made their early home at Horeb and Sardis, remaining in those communities about 16 years, moving thence to Delaware county, where they remained less than one year, returning to this county they took up their residence in this city where for the last 42 years she made her home.

To this union was born eleven (11) children, Thomas the eldest son meeting his tragic death by accident in 1894, while hunting near the old home in Jefferson Township, Elizabeth, John and an infant dying in early infancy, Margaret (Mrs. Evan Edwards) and Daniel Luther passed away in recent years and the husband and father in 1908.

There survive of this large family the following children, viz: David M. and Rosster Lewis and Mrs. Austin Master of Jackson; Mrs. John Powers of Winchester and Mrs. Stanley Cherrington of Columbus, Ohio.

There are also left to mourn her departure 21 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

These few words do not tell the story of ones life, but are only the high points and the wayside shrines that help mould and form character and call us closer to God, and make life what it is.

Birth, marriage, husband, home and children, the mounds in the cemetery some far away, and then death, all combine to make life what it really is, and is the common heritage of all mankind.

Mrs. Lewis was one of the old school whose life was formed in the simple home and early church in this county, and whose convictions of lifes realities were thus early and indelibly impressed upon her.

She carried these all thro' life, was a faithful attendant at the services of this church until failing health prevented her from regularly attending worship.

To her the church was the temple of the living God, and his word the law of life.

As a mother her counsel was safe and her children shall arise and call her blessed. Her memory shall be precious and her own works shall raise her in the gates.

Card of Thanks

## IN MEMORY

John H. Montgomery, the son of John H. and Sarah Montgomery, was born June 18, 1844, and died January 24, 1924. He was married to Martha Frances Cooper May 9, 1867. To this union were born seven children, four children and the wife having preceded into the Great Beyond. Remaining to mourn their loss are Thomas of Williamson, W. Va., Alice of Huntington, W. Va., Ed of Jackson, and Jennie of Jackson, better known as Aunt Jennie; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren and many friends and neighbors in Jackson and Jackson County. Two grandchildren preceded in death.

John is the last one of his father's family. His father, mother, brothers and sisters have all gone on. John was born and raised in Rockbridge County, Va. He served in the Civil War. He was a brave soldier, and a good moral man, honest in his dealings with his fellowmen, a loving husband, and a noble father.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our appreciation of the many kindnesses shown us during the sickness and death of our father, John H. Montgomery. Especially do we wish to thank Rev. E. B. White for his comforting words; the singers for their beautiful hymns and the friends who sent flowers, and Undertaker Charles L. Wood for his efficient services.

The Children.