

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

**Harry G. Gaut, of Rosetta,
Miss., Meets With Fatal
Accident Sunday.**

The people of Payne were shocked Sunday morning when a message was received here that Harry Gaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gaut, was fatally injured in an auto accident near Rosetta, Miss., where he had been in the lumber business for a number of years.

Last Saturday in company with two friends, he started out in his automobile for Natchez where he did some Christmas shopping, intending to visit his younger brother Frank at Camp Shelby the following day. On his return to Rosetta, in steering clear of a rut in the muddy road, the car skidded and turned turtle over an embankment, pinning the three beneath it. When they were released it was found Mr. Gaut was so seriously injured that he died soon afterward. One of his companions suffered several broken ribs and the other was also quite painfully injured. The family here were immediately notified of the accident and arrangements were made to have the remains shipped here. The body arrived here Tuesday evening and was accompanied by his brother Frank.

Harry G. Gaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gaut was born Feb. 10, 1878. At the early age of nineteen years he started out in the world to make his fortune and a name. Naturally ambitious and enterprising, together with a love of adventure, he traveled over a considerable portion of the west. He became interested in the lumber business and finally located in Rosetta, Miss., at which place he conducted a successful and prosperous business for the past twelve years.

Harry was the oldest of the family, and at the time of his death had reached the age of 39 years, 10 months and 12 days. He is survived by his parents, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Minerva Houser of Garrett, Ind.; Miss Dora E., a nurse of New York City; Mrs. Blanch Brokaw of Jackson, Mich.; Miss May, a nurse "somewhere in France," Frank E., of Camp Shelby, Miss.; Mrs. Maude Lutz of Toledo, and Vassar G., at home. Ford E. died in infancy in 1888.

The funeral was held from the family home on West Merrin street this morning at 10:30, Rev. W. H. Shults officiating, and interment was made in the Wiltie cemetery.

The family are very grateful for and appreciate very much the help and sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Brokaw and son Charles of Jackson, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lutz of Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Houser of Garrett, Ind., Miss Dora Gaut of New York City, Frank Gaut of Camp Shelby, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaut, Columbus, Christ and Milton Gaut of Iona, Mich., Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Mulligan and Mrs. Glenn Rodgers, Cleveland, Mrs. Chas. Sidle, Auburn, Ind., and Miss Iona-Outland of Ft. Wayne.

A Statement.

Payne, Ohio, Dec. 22, 1917.
To Whom it May Concern:
I wish to state that I have never made any statement in regard to the Red Cross otherwise than their service has been of great benefit to our soldiers.

Signed, O. Turner.

Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gaut, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins, Mrs. A. Vauble, Mrs. Wesley Deewester, Mrs. Jos. McClure, Mrs. Frank McClure, Mrs. Virgil Sherrick, Mrs. Torria Pio, Mrs. Rob Brattain and daughters, and Mrs. M. Maloy, with Christmas gifts went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brattain in honor of his eighty-eighth birthday. It proved a very happy surprise to this highly esteemed aged couple who gave their guests a royal welcome.

Former Paulding County Boy Back From Trenches.

Olan Turner, of Briceton has been here for the past week on thirty days leave of absence from the Canadian Aviation Corps visiting old friends. Olan had been a member of the U. S. Marines for four years and two years ago joined the Royal Canadian Flying Squadron. He has been in the trenches in France with the Canadian forces for thirteen months. At the battle of Ypres he was wounded and almost suffocated from poisonous gas used by the Germans. Out of fifteen hundred Canadians only fifteen remained after this great battle. He was taken to the hospital and was a raving maniac for four months, caused by the poisonous gas. His talks of his experiences on the western front are very interesting and says that when the gas came on to the soldiers he saved his life by lying flat on the ground and burying his face in the sand. The awful and terrible effect of this barbarian weapon of war is instantaneous and makes raving maniacs of the few who survive if they are not prepared with gas masks. He expects a big spring drive which will have a telling effect and is anxious to get back to help in the "big push."

Reflector Honor Roll.

The following subscribers paid their subscription to the Reflector and Press-Review, during the week ending Dec. 22, 1917:

Don Copenhaver.
Mrs. Fred Marshall.
John Knachel.
Mrs. J. W. Dawson.
R. F. Trop.
Joe Deal.
E. L. Speice.
Etta Fisher.
Rosie Long.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Floyd Overmyer.
Mrs. Wm. Kuhl.

War Savings.

"War Savings Stamps mark an epoch in our national life."—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Many a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American Nation of the War Savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and savings is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone but of the Nations.

The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary. We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons, we are saving now from patriotism, saving not alone for ourselves but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed going to make the War Savings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the Nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense, and patriotism.

Thrift Stamps.

It is pointed out by the Treasury Department that Thrift Stamps are not made redeemable in cash for the reason that these stamps are simply intended as a convenient method for the small savers to accumulate enough to purchase War Savings Stamps, which bear interest and are redeemable in cash.

In addition, to provide for redemption for these Thrift Stamps would involve such an amount of detailed accounting and labor and expense as to impair the practicability of their use. In fact, they would be more trouble and expense to the Government possibly than they are worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Downs, of Columbus, Neb., spent last Friday here, guests of Misses Sarah and Katherine McDonnell.



COL. NELSON E. PRENTICE.

DEATH OF COL. NELSON E. PRENTICE

Prominent Payne Citizen and Civil War Veteran Answers Last Roll Call.

Col. Nelson E. Prentice, one of the most prominent citizens of Paulding county, passed away last Thursday afternoon about one o'clock at his home on East Merrin street, after an illness of several months.

Col. Prentice was one of the best known citizens of Paulding county and has been identified with a number of business enterprises in Payne during the past forty years.

Mr. Prentice, with Edw. Cowell and J. K. Barnes operated successfully a stove and planing mill business for a number of years. Then he sold out and bought a saw mill and hoop factory at Batson with Mr. Speice. This also proved a paying investment, but as the land was pretty well cleared he moved his mill to Grover Hill where he continued in the saw mill business until 1904. He also was proprietor of the Welcome Drug Store for a number of years.

A number of years ago while Mr. and Mrs. Prentice were on the way to Grover Hill the train on which they were riding was wrecked. He suffered several years from the effects of it and it eventually caused the death of his wife.

Nelson Ephraim Prentice was born in Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio, July 6, 1832. He died December 20, 1917, aged 85 years, 5 months and 14 days.

He was educated in the public

schools and in the academy at Norwalk, Ohio.

He married Miss Emily Wadsworth, April 18, 1855. To them were born six children, five of whom are now living, Emma (Prentice) Lee, Clyde, O., Kate (Prentice) Ward, Payne, O., Nelson Dearborn Prentice, Grover Hill, O., May (Prentice) Ainslee, Laird, Colorado, Maggie (Prentice) Witter, Castalia, Erie county, Ohio, and the late Nellie Speice of Payne, Ohio.

He enlisted in the army June 24, 1863, and was mustered out August 25, 1865 at the close of the war with Co. M, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery with whom he had served as 1st Lieutenant. He was in command of McLane's Barracks on Third street, Cincinnati, from January to June 1864. After that time he served with his company in the field until the end of the war.

He was a member of John Stabler Post, G. A. R., of Payne, Ohio. Also a charter member of Flat Rock Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Payne, O., and served as treasurer of the lodge for nineteen consecutive years. He has been an active member of the M. E. church for several years.

On February 22, 1903, he married Sarah McHenry and after ten years she passed away—February 26, 1913. He afterward married

Christmas at the Lutheran Church.

Christmas was observed as usual at the Lutheran church, by children's exercises on Christmas eve and by divine services on Christmas day. The children's program, simple and dignified, in keeping with the great event of nearly two thousand years ago, was well rendered. The Bethlehem story was again related in song and recitation. That this old, old story is ever of interest and strikes a responsive chord in devout hearts was evidenced by the attentiveness in every part of the church, filled to capacity, till the echoes of the last song had died away. The program was introduced by a very appropriate organ prelude rendered by the organist, Mrs. F. Paul, in her usual masterly manner.

The tree beautifully decorated and the sacks well filled with nuts and candy were also there. The decorating and the filling of the sacks had been attended to in the afternoon by the young people of the congregation, and many willing hands had made the work short and pleasant. The sacks were as well filled as ever, thanks to the liberality of the members, for although there was less candy than usual the portion of nuts had been increased.

On Christmas day at 10 a. m., the pastor, Rev. H. Kopanko, preached to a house again well filled on the glorious fact and blessed result of the Word made flesh. The total of the offerings for the educational and charitable institutions of synod was \$48.92. The congregation also remembered the pastor and his family with a purse of \$38, presented by elder C. D. Birkhold with an appropriate address, for which they are sincerely grateful.

Red Cross Meeting.

The Red Cross meeting of Payne Branch will be held Tuesday, Jan. 8th, instead of Jan. 1st, at the office of the Maumee Valley Land Company.

All those who have signed for the Red Cross membership and have not yet paid their subscription, are requested to do so by Saturday evening.

Surprised.

Miss Orlea Wahl—who is now at home from Ohio Northern University for her Christmas vacation was very pleasantly surprised Dec. 23, (on her 18th birthday) when the members of her class in Hi School came to spend the afternoon with her. A general good time was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Esther White, Edith Kilpatrick, Myrtle Croy, Lela Poland, Bernice Grube, Paul Coplin, Guy Campbell, Harlan Venrick and Miss Amanda Thrasher of Oakwood, she being Orlea's roommate at Ada. At 6 o'clock a four course luncheon was served. Mrs. Wahl was assisted by her youngest daughter, Miss Irene and niece Miss Helen Wahl.

Birth Record.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Oyer of West of town, Dec. 26, a son.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Edds of southeast of town, Dec. 27, a son.

Adelaide Ward who survives him. He was a kind and congenial friend a loving husband and father and his death will be considered a loss to the community.

The funeral services were in charge of the masonic lodge and was held Sunday morning at 10:30 from the M. E. church, Rev. D. Earl Rhoads officiating, after which the remains were taken to Lamb's undertaking room and on Monday morning were shipped to his former home at Castalia where short funeral services were conducted by Rev. Overmyer of the Congregational church after which the remains were laid to rest beside his wife Emily Prentice.

The out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were Mrs. Marietta Brewster of Coldwater, Mich., W. B. Speice of Naylor, Mo., Mrs. Maggie Witter of Castalia, O., Mrs. Emma Lee of Clyde, O., Harry and Nelson Lee of Greensprng, O., Mrs. Purdy of Spencer, O., Mr. Ed Kushmaul and Nelson Prentice, Defiance.

NEWS FROM COURT HOUSE

**Legal Doings at the Temple
of Justice at the
County Seat.**

Marriage Licenses.

Cary L. Robinson, 23, Payne and Ruth L. Cryer, 22 Haviland.
Oscar Swanson, 24, and Goldie Sanderson, 21, both Grover Hill.

Probate Court.

Matilda Scott, exrx. w'll of Marcells Scott, deceased, filed petition for sale of real estate.

New Cases Filed.

Thos. Lamb vs. Hirman and Kornanrow et al. Transcript filed Waters & Ennis attorneys.

C. H. Russell vs. Scott Firestone et al Cognovit. Don C. Corbett, attorney.

Samuel H. Compton vs. Hiram S. Compton et al. Reformation of deed. W. H. Phipps, attorney.

Roy Hummel, exr. Simeon Hummel, vs. Hosea Hummel et al.

Real Estate Transfers.

Eli Merckel, deceased, to Susan Merckel, 80 ac Brown tp, by will, Susan Merckel, widow, to Ray Emmett Merckel, 80 ac Brown tp, \$3,000.

Charles and Margaret Harmon to W. C. Harmon, 40 ac Brown township, \$400.

George Hurtig, deceased to John Hurtig et al, 80 ac by will.

John Hurtig et al to Chas. Hurtig, 40 ac Emerald tp, \$6,000.

John Hurtig et al to Aaron Hurtig, 40 ac Emerald tp, \$4,100.

R. L. Brattain to James H. and Edna Young, 5 ac Harrison township, \$150.

Effie Skinner to Frederick A. Skinner, 40 ac Jackson tp, \$1.

Wm. Underwood to Hugh Stores, 30 ac Latty tp, \$2,700.

Clarence Booher to Elias Welty, 40 ac Washington tp, \$1.

Alfred J. Bohren to Jesse A. Longsmith and J. Sherman Hart, lot 28, Antwerp, \$1.

Jane E. Cain to Horace E. Cain lot 1, Barnes addn. Paulding, \$1.

J. O. Longworth and J. Sherman Hart to H. J. and Elsie K. Bohren, lot 3 and B, Barnes sub. div. Paulding, \$1.

Sarah Halsey to Rachel Smith, lot 3, part Kinkade's 1st addn. Grover Hill.

Joseph W. Shupp to Hugh Stores, lot 1, n ½, Broughton, \$200.

Home Makers Club No. 3.

The Home Makers Club held the last meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Estella Underwood last Thursday afternoon. The time was taken up in knitting and snipping for the Red Cross.

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend this meeting and others who are interested we will publish a list of articles we have made. During the past three or four months we have finished eight pairs of socks, one sweater, nine tray cloths, six handkerchiefs and twelve pillows.

We invite anyone who is interested in Red Cross work, to meet with us every two weeks. It is not necessary that you join the club if you are not so inclined, but come and do your bit. The more you do in this work, the more you will want to do.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. N. W. Schrider January 3. Let all make a good beginning and try and be present. We will be pleased to teach anyone who wishes, how to knit.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father, N E. Prentice.

Mrs. Prentice and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Ballinger of West Mansfield, O., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hardesty and children of Paulding, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Leonard and children of Latty were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Leeth.



**A Happy New Year
to All**

Another Year

Another year is now starting,
At midnight I heard the bells
ring
Their final farewell to the old
year;
Oh, what will the new year
bring?

Shadow and then some sunshine—
Neither can always last;
Sorrow and pain and pleasure—
Just as the year that's past.

None can foretell the future,
It's hidden beyond our gaze;
But most of the year that's coming
Will be made of commonplace
days.

Morning and noon and evening
Filled up with little things,
Days of rest and of labor—
These are what each year
brings.

Go on then into the future,
With never a thought of fear;
Trusting the hand that leads us
To guide for another year.

—Grace Bulley.