

3. The uniform system of county government does not fit the un-uniform conditions of the state. For example, in New York City there should be no county government. The big counties, the little counties, the poor counties, and the rich counties need county government charters which vary just as much one from the other as do city charters within the state."

To meet this situation, the Commission will recommend to the legislative two important bills. The first bill will propose two optional forms of county government reorganization. The second bill will propose an amendment to the state constitution opening the way for the complete reorganization of county government within the state.

The optional plans of county government reorganization under the present situation will be known as county government plans A and B. Plan A provides for a county president to be elected by the people for a four year term. The county president will be the chief executive officer of the county in so far as this is possible under the antiquated provisions of the state constitution. He will prepare the county budget and will be responsible for carrying it out after adoption by the county board of supervisors. Plan B provides for a county Executive to be appointed by the county board of supervisors without fixed term. The county Executive under this plan will appoint and supervise all nonconstitutional officers and will prepare and execute the budget after its adoption. Neither of these plans can alter the make-up of the board of supervisors as this is established by the state constitution on the model of 1777.

It is to deal with this problem that the Commission is proposing an amendment to the constitution. The amendment to the constitution will provide for county home rule in accordance with which the voters within the county can, on petition signed by 15 per cent of the electors, bring to a vote a new county charter. The Commission's amendment will also remove restrictions of the present constitution so that the state can be divided into several law-transferring units and the county government can be reestablished as a genuine local government with a genuine representative of the people.

The Commission is bringing forward this amendment to the state government in the hope that it will be adopted and that it will be a step toward the reorganization of the state government.

Eugene S. Smith, died November 14. Clara B. Smith, 210 N. Fourth street, Olean, executrix. Real estate held with wife, personal property \$1,000, equally to Clara B. Smith and Elwood Smith, son.

Nellie Sloan, died November 2. Jennie M. Sloan, 51 High street, Salamanca, executrix. Real property \$4,000, personal property \$600; to Jennie M. Sloan, sister, \$2,035.

# CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES

*Charles Field*  
**James Field of Whig Street, Last G.A.R. Soldier in Little Valley, Succumbs.**

James Field, said to be the last surviving Civil War veteran of the town of Little Valley, died Thursday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock at the home of his son, James Field, of Whig Street, in his 93rd year. He had been ill the past week and became seriously ill Wednesday, developing pneumonia.

He was born at the Cook farm in Elkdale August 5th, 1840, and had spent his life in Elkdale and Great Valley. For the past 20 years he had lived in Whig Street.

He served with the 154th regiment in the Civil War taking part in many battles.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Allen Fisher of Great Valley, and five sons, James, of Whig Street, William of Great Valley, Charles of Allegheny, Marshall of Chipmonk and Ralph of Elgin, Pa.

The funeral was held from the home Monday at 2 o'clock, with Rev. H. S. Klasinger of Salamanca, officiating, assisted by Rev. H. H. Atkins of Great Valley. Rev. Atkins and daughter sang two selections. The funeral was very largely attended and interment was made in the Little Valley cemetery.

Babcock-Champlin-Milks Post American Legion of Little Valley had charge of the services at the grave according to the Ex-Civil War veteran, full military honors, with a firing squad, color guard and taps. The following members of the Legion Post acted as bearers: J. B. F. Champlin, Harmon Brown, Howard Edwards, Charles Leibler, Henry Carroll and Raymond V. Carroll. Ed Worth was in charge of the firing squad and Cecil Horning gave the chaplain's prayer. Eugene Carroll recited taps.

## WORD OF APPRECIATION

It is impossible for me to write enough words in return for the many kind courtesies which I have received, but I am taking pleasure in thanking my friends and neighbors for their kind wishes and prayers for my recovery on New Year's day.

Life—Jack Eagan, Jack McKenna, James Walsh.  
Star—Donald Scharf, Jack Eagan, Jack McKenna, James Walsh.  
Merit Badges—Troop 52, James Lawler, Bird Study, Camping, Civics, Farm Home and Its Planning, Music, Safety; George Ploetz, First Aid, Personal Health, Public Health; Donald Scharf, First Aid to Animals, Personal Health, Cooking, Woodcarving.

# FRANK RIDER PASSES AWAY

**End Came Monday Morning After Illness of 7 Months. Funeral Rites Tomorrow**

Frank Rider, age 42 years, died at the family residence in East Main street, this village Monday morning at 1 o'clock after having been ill the past seven months.

Mr. Rider was born in Ashford August 3, 1890, and had been a resident of Ellicottville the past eight years. He formerly was employed at the Fitzpatrick & Weller plant here. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of the Holy Name of Mary church.

He leaves his widow; two sisters, Mrs. Clayton Zetwick of Great Valley and Mrs. Vincent Adrian of Cleveland, O., one brother, John Rider of Beaver Meadows, and several aunts and uncles.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the family home and at 10 o'clock from Holy Name of Mary church. Burial will be in the family plot in Maplewood cemetery, Springville.

## THREE ARE INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

Mrs. Mary Miller, of Springville, was seriously injured, and her husband sustained injuries which resulted in his being kept at the Salamanca hospital Monday night, when the automobile in which they were riding, and which was driven according to report, by Robert Safford, of Springville, collided with a truck, parked just off the state highway near Killbuck, about 6:30 o'clock Monday evening.

### Stores Close Monday

As New Year's Day is Sunday, and Monday will be a holiday, the stores in this town will be closed on Monday, January 1st, and will open on Tuesday, January 2nd.

before coming to Ellicottville the past 41 years they lived in this village their home, and have a wide circle of friends who congratulate them on their anniversary and wish them more years of happy wedded life.

The Nagles have one daughter, Mrs. Dora Waldon of 256 Elm avenue, Salamanca. Three children, two girls and a boy, died in infancy.

Mr. Nagle has been in the local Borden milk company for many years and still holds the position. He has worked for the Borden Company since 1907.

# DEATH CLAMOR FOR MARY M.

**Mother of Mrs. Fred Waldon Former Resident of Ellicottville Village—84 Years Old**

Mary M. Lake was born in 1849 at Gowanda, N. Y., daughter of Dr. Phipps and Mrs. Lake.

In her early childhood her family moved to Otto, N. Y. at the age of seventeen she was married to William A. Lake. A few years later moving to the territory with their two sons, they comprised the family in what is now known as South Dakota, which at that time was a settlement seventy miles ahead of the terminal of the Milwaukee and St. Paul road.

When the Episcopalian Chapel was erected as church in the growing village she became one of the church members.

These pioneer days with many interesting experiences and she loved to count them during her life. To the very last day of her life she was blessed with an unimpaired and retentive mind.

In the year 1889, they moved east to Cattaraugus, N. Y. in 1912, her husband continued to carry on the business in which they were engaged in 1924, when she went to her daughter, Mrs. Fred Waldon in Jersey City, at whose home she died in the early morning of December 21, 1932 at the age of 84 years. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Fred Waldon, one brother, and nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held here Thursday afternoon, December 22, conducted by A. J. Shea, Pastor of Wesleyan Methodist Church. The body was placed in a casket and sent to Springville where final interment will be made in the cemetery of Cattaraugus county. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock and was very well attended.

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