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## PHYSICIAN ARRESTED FOR STANCE ON CIVIL WAR

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**LANCASTER** – Born in Marlboro, Vermont, Edson Baldwin Olds was born to Joseph and Sarah (Whitney) Olds on Thursday, June 3, 1802.

On Tuesday, June 1, 1824, Edson Olds tied the knot with Anna Maria Carolus as they began their life from that moment on.

A familiar name and face to the community, he migrated from Vermont at an early age and began his studies of medicine in Kingston. After conducting his practice within Kingston he took up the grain trade by 1836, which elevated him as the main operator in the Scioto Valley for nearly a decade.

Previously a Whig, he managed to connect himself with the Democratic party by 1839. Three years later he ran against his brother, Joseph Olds, and found himself defeated by only three votes. Upon hearing Edson contesting the results of the election, Joseph found himself in an opposed situation and renounced the position to his brother.

In 1844, Van Meter secured the victory by five votes, but won the following year against Colonel John



Portrait of DR. EDSON BALDWIN OLDS  
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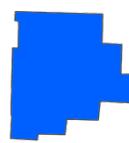
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Continue in prayer,  
and watch in the same  
with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

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KNOW?



The film “Green Grass of Wyoming” made in 1948, and featured Burl Ives with the part playing “Gus,” scored among the first ever to film a backdrop in Ohio and chose one of its settings in the Fairgrounds of Fairfield County in Lancaster, Ohio.

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# SPOTLIGHT

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**Dr. George Washington Boerstler II, MD**  
27 NOV 1846 - 19 SEP 1916  
FOREST ROSE CEMETERY

**LANCASTER** – Born on Friday, November 27, 1846 to Dr. George Washington Boerstler I and Eliza (Schur), George II grew up and remained his whole life in Lancaster, Ohio.

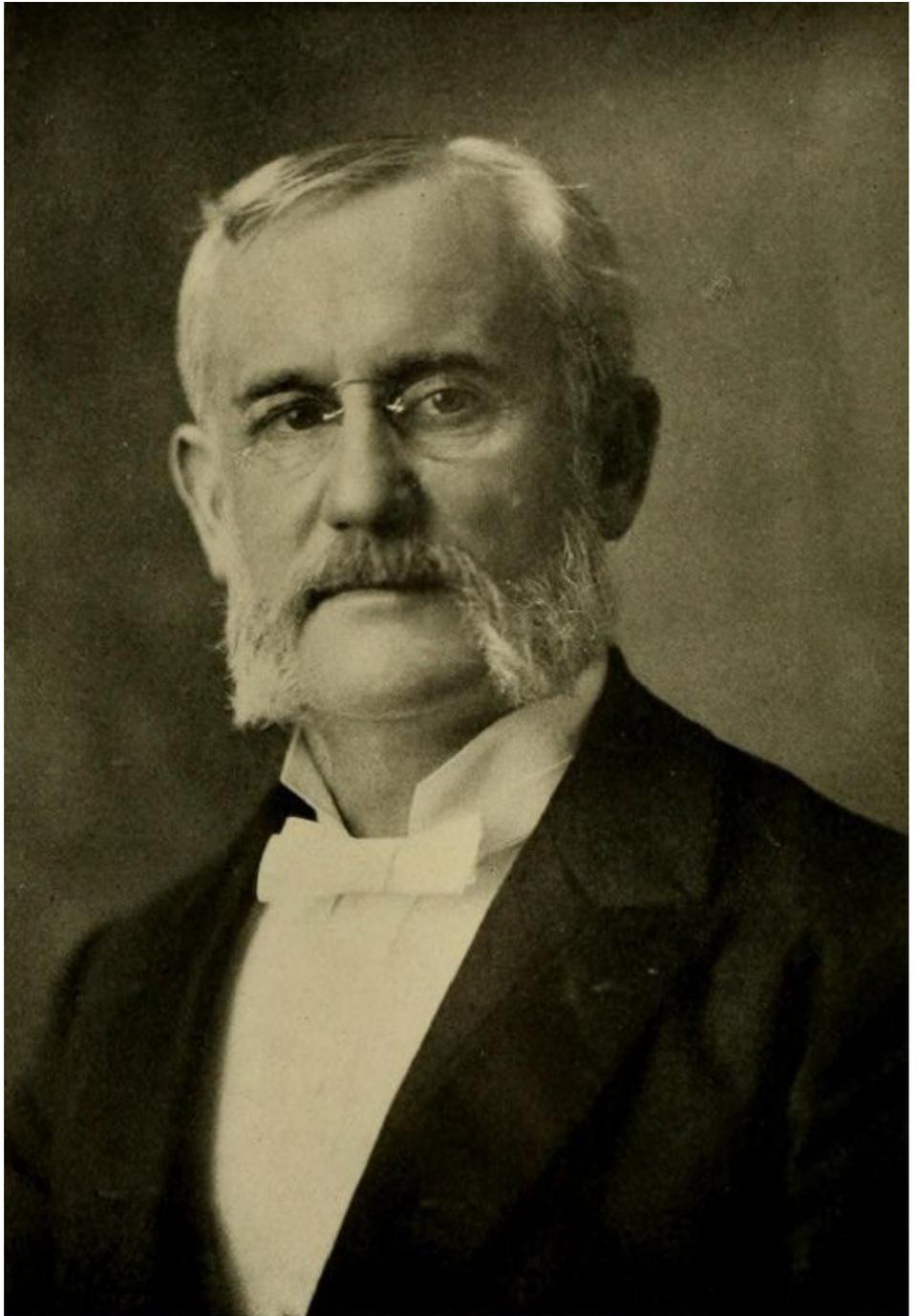
George’s father emigrated to Lancaster in 1835 from Hagerstown, Maryland. He pursued medicine despite his parents, George II’s grandparents, pushing him to secure an education in ministry.

By 1872 he met the acquaintance of Sallie Reber Camp and they were wed on November 21, 1872.

Dr. Boerstler II practiced as a respected physician for over forty years in the city of Lancaster. At the forefront of pioneering physicians and medicine, Dr. George W. Boerstler II initiated the channel of creating a hospital for the city. Promoting his proposition for the physicians he coined the concept, “Good Will for the Ill.”

Although he witnessed the position progress toward a reality, he fell into the arms of death one month prior to the finished product as the Lancaster Municipal Hospital opened its doors to accept patients in the autumn of 1916.

Dr. Boerstler’s remains forever stay buried in the Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio at Section B1, Lot 429.



Portrait of DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON BOERSTLER II, M. D.  
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Dr. Boerstler II, M.D.’s tombstone at the Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio.  
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The 1846 election took him to the State Senate and in 1848 he gained a position in Congress to represent Fairfield, Pickaway, Fayette, and Madison counties defeating Dr. Edwards. By 1850, he gained another victory over Judge Van Trump.

On the night of August 12, 1862, Secretary of War, Stanton, arrested Dr. Olds after he gave a speech landing him in prison for his activist stance against the Civil War. His obituary described it as *“he was seized by the dastardly, venal minions of Lincoln’s despotism, at the investigation of David Tod and other so-called patriots, dragged from his home, hurried to Fort Lafayette, and there confined in a loathsome dungeon, for being a Democrat, and exercising the God-given right of free speech.”* The article continued to convey his deprivation of the necessary means to live along with the restriction of reading any material that came addressed to him. His reading glasses were stripped of him and brutal treatment from the guards continued.

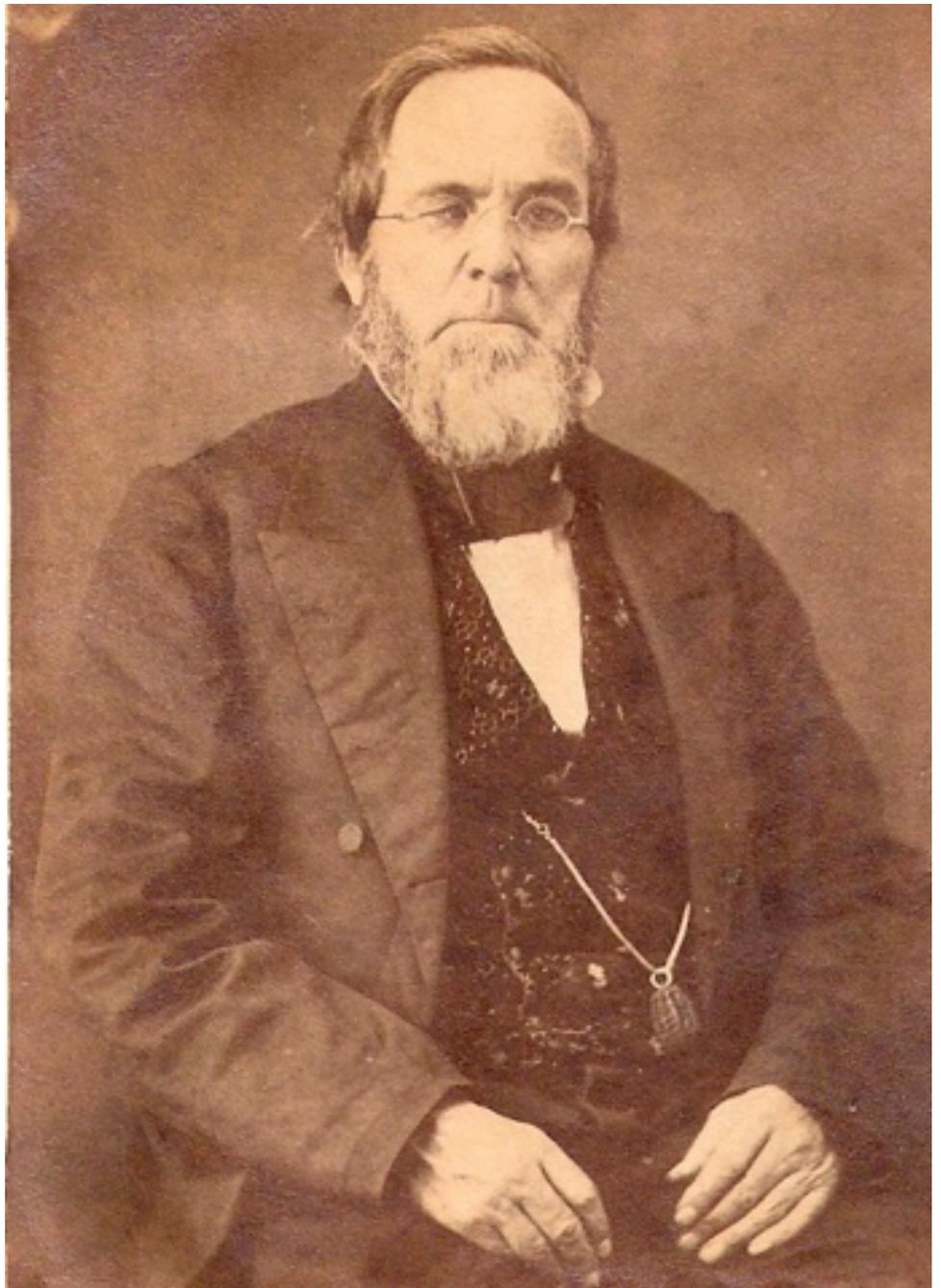
Already declining in health when arrested, Edson developed more diseases within the four months he remained incarcerated to the damp dungeon and despite treacherous treatments he held steadfast to his core beliefs. Just prior to his release the people nominated and elected Dr. Olds to represent the Democratic party. After his release he later lived to see the prison which kept him from the outside world lie in a pile of ruins. A forty-eight-page pamphlet published the speech in Columbus, Ohio.

A national reputation followed Dr. Olds with his brilliant abilities noted in Congress, especially with his ability to debate. With quick and ready words, he positioned with few equals as his anecdotes formed with grace and humor.

Well-known at the time, Dr. Olds remained loyal to his family as a devoted father who sacrificed any and everything for his children. He also grew as a vital part of building up Circleville by squaring the town, constructing the buildings, and ensuring the improvement of Pickaway County continued.

After Marlboro, Vermont to Kingston, and then Circleville, Dr. Olds made his final home in Lancaster, arriving between 1856 and 1858. Upon his arrival he welcomed E. Julian and P. Bope’s investment offer to purchase stock. He also operated a dry goods store thriving in the local community and remained in the mercantile business until his death.

Dr. Edson Baldwin Olds passed away



Portrait of an older Dr. Edson Olds, probably about the time he lived in Lancaster, Ohio.

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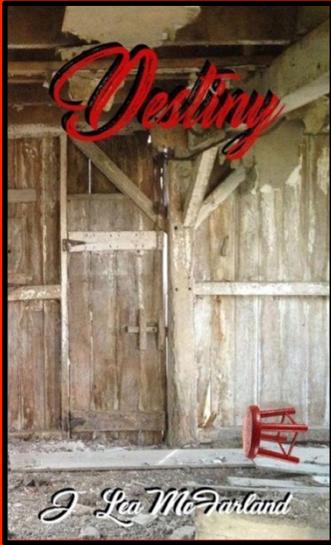
suddenly Sunday night around 10 pm on, January 24, 1869, at sixty-six years old from rheumatism of the heart. That evening he forced himself into a chair to rest after walking across one of the rooms in his home which almost abruptly took him into death. Reverend Spahr, of the M. E. Church in Lancaster,

conducted the funeral delivering a service to the large number of friends and family grieved with sorrow. Interment followed later in January, on Wednesday afternoon, January 27th, at the Forest Cemetery located in Circleville, Ohio. His obituary ran on January 29, 1869 in the local paper.



Dr. EDSON BALDWIN OLDS’ tombstone stationed in the Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio.

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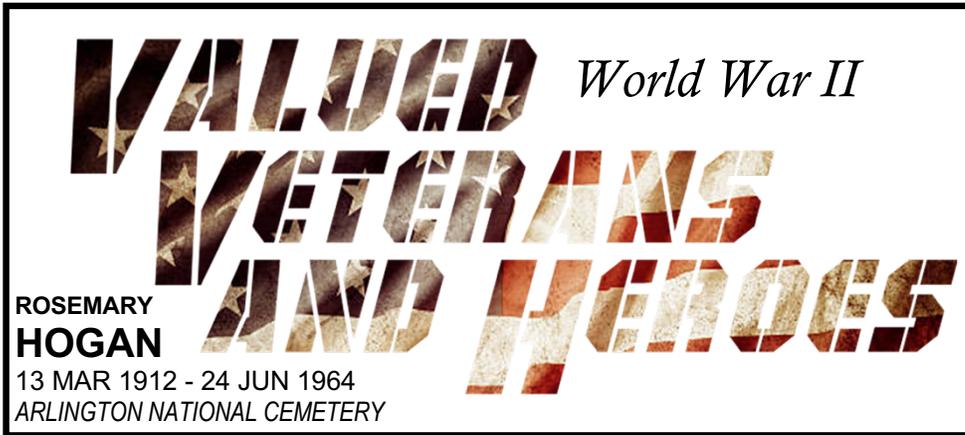
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**OKLAHOMA** – Born on Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Walters, Oklahoma, Rosemary Hogan joined the family of Frank Merrill Jack and Mary Armathine (Pinkerton) Hogan.

Rosemary joined the forces to fight in World War II on Saturday, August 1, 1936, and served at Fort Sill Oklahoma until 1940. Just before Pearl Harbor received the surprise attack of bombs from Japan, Rosemary landed on the Philippine Islands just a week prior to carry out her orders. A few weeks later, on Christmas Eve, orders transported her to the Bataan Peninsula in preparation to set up a hospital. There she shared a part in the “Angels of Bataan” showing severe courage. Twenty-five U.S. Army nurses and twenty-five Filipino nurses accompanied her with the new mission to secure 1,000 beds awaiting to hold the wounded. There she carried out her orders as an Assistant Chief of Nurses until the following spring where she and several nurses were wounded while assisting a surgeon in an operation while under enemy attack. While she received

wounds along with the other nurses, their hospital at Bataan soon lay in rubble and ash when the dust settled.

The Japanese took Hogan as a prisoner where she remained a POW for the next three years until 1945. Despite her capture, Hogan became one of the first four woman to secure the rank of full Colonel.

Of her achievements, Hogan received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, American Defense Medal, the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Presidential Citation with two oak leaf clusters, and six Overseas Stripes.

After the war, she met and married Air Force Major Arnold Luciano on Saturday, November 11, 1961, a fitting date for two veterans. Together they retired in San Antonio, Texas.

Rosemary passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 1964, having only been married for a little over two-and-a-half years. Her tombstone may be found in the Arlington National Cemetery in Section 21, Site 175.



**ANGEL OF BATAAN, COL. ROSEMARY (HOGAN) LUCIANO**

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**COL. HOGAN LUCIANO's Tombstone proudly standing in the Arlington National Cemetery**

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## CEMETERY SALUTE

### Fettters Cemetery

Pleasant Township, Ohio



**Fettes Cemetery**

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**PLEASANT TOWNSHIP** – Known also by the names: Arnold Cemetery and Gideon Cemetery, the Fettes Cemetery sits at 1850 Stringtown Road.

Jacob and Rachel (Creamer) Arnold granted a plot of land for \$1 to establish the Gideon United Brethren Church and Cemetery. The church, now gone, once stood in front of the cemetery.

### COORDINATES

Latitude: 39.7511676° N

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Fairfield County Historian, Charles Goslin, noted that many buried in this cemetery were actually reinterred from another small cemetery overlooking Millersport Road, now known as Sheridan Drive. Among the many reinterred in the Fettes Cemetery are George Arnold and his wife, Catherine Leatherman, who succumbed to death within a week of each other in 1817.

This small quaint cemetery has seen better days, as many of the stones have fallen over or lie in pieces as horses were permitted to run through the cemetery in past decades. Some of the residents have taken it upon themselves to attempt to restore what they may, however some stones are not in their original location and others remain in pieces. The mystery of where those lie beneath remains only known to the soil beneath.

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# A FLAWLESS PHYSICIAN OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

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**LANCASTER** – Born to William and Tacy (Standeland) White on Monday, June 10, 1799, James W. White grew up in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

James gained an education for himself in Philadelphia and coupled his studies with medicine. After he graduated with honor as a diligent student in 1821 at 22 years old, he ventured to Lancaster, Ohio in the autumn that same year and put his medical knowledge into practice. Success followed him from the start.

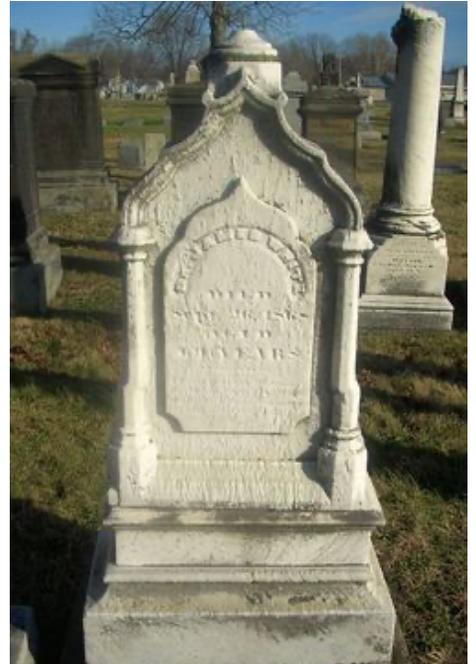
His father, William, led a small Baptist congregation in Philadelphia for twenty-five years before relocating to Lancaster with his family. Once he settled in, he joined the First Baptist Church and led the people as their pastor.

After successfully establishing his medical practice, James later married General Philemon Beecher's niece, Maria Elizabeth (Beecher) on November 22, 1825, sister to Henrietta Parnell Beecher, who married the druggist from *The Far-Land Legacy*, Issue 4. Maria held a reputation as friendly and gracious, educated, and charming.

Dr. James White purchased the original lot belonging to William and Christian King, from George Beck. On this lot, Dr. White opened a drug store at the corner of the alley.

As one of society's outstanding men, Dr. White stood out as an excellent physician in his own right as he carefully demonstrated and delivered considerate, careful, and humane procedures to his patients. Those that knew him knew his character flawless and untainted. He served on the Board of Health alongside George K. Miller, Dr. Effinger, Henry Miers, and George Sanderson. They often assembled their meetings in Dr. White's office. It originally organized on July 8, 1852, as it placed General Sanderson as Chairman and Dr. M. Effinger as its Secretary.

Dr. White passed away in Lancaster on Saturday, September 26, 1868, at 69 years old after practicing medicine for 35 years. His body remains interred at the Elmwood Cemetery among other prominent pioneers of Lancaster and Fairfield County. During the course of his life he remained a member of the Baptist Church his father pastored.



**DR. JAMES WHITE's tombstone remains in the Elmwood Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio.**  
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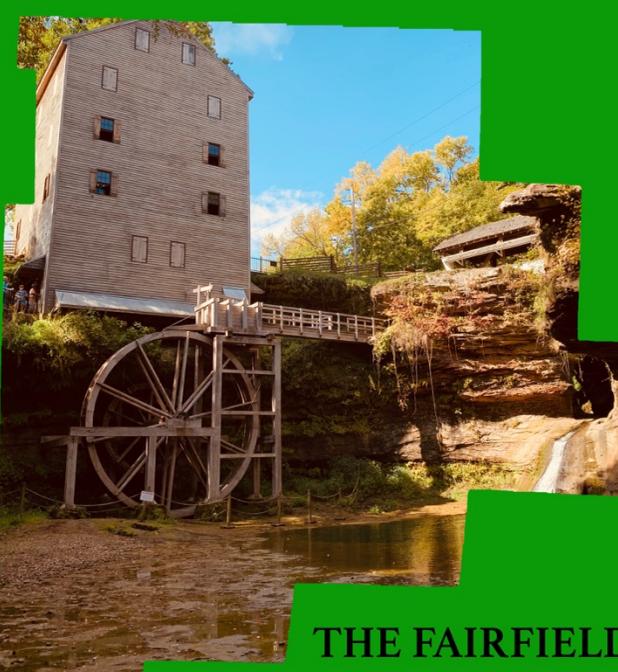
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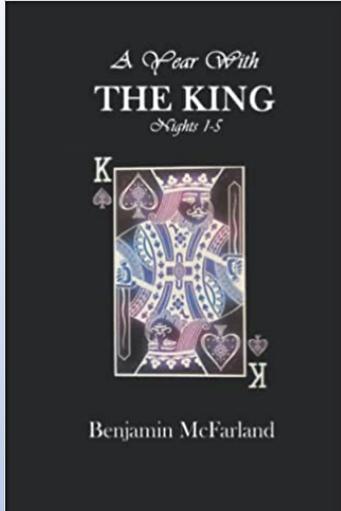
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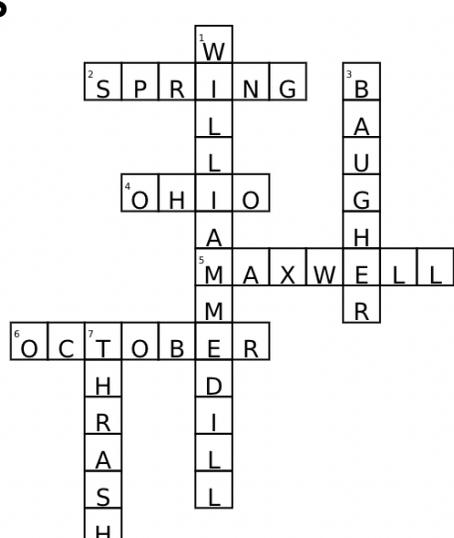
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*Last Week Answers*

**LAST WEEK'S  
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### Expand Exploring

*From Last Week's Issue*

CROSSWORD

**Down:**

1. Elnathan's last name who surveyed in Fairfield County.
2. Major General who was forsaken by his family for choosing to fight for the North during the Civil War.
3. Dr. John \_\_\_\_\_ was a local doctor.
7. Buckeye lake originated as a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Across:**

4. Elnathan married Druscilla \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Month John Daniel was born in.
6. In 1751 \_\_\_\_\_ surveyed Buckeye Lake.
8. Largest single block of granite in the world located in Yosemite National Park.



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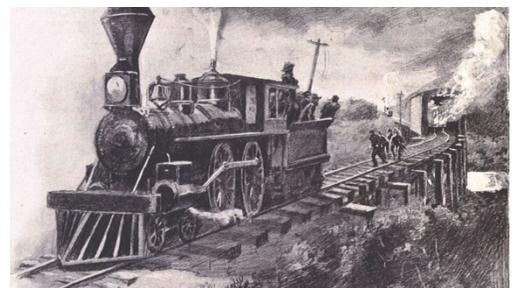
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