

Democratic Watchman

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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION PROVED THAT IT IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE.

Pennsylvania's death rate for 1924 was one of the lowest in the history of the State. Statistics compiled by Dr. Wilmer R. Batt, chief of the bureau of vital statistics, show that the 1924 death rate was 12.5 per thousand of population. In 1923, the rate was 13.3 per thousand.

During the year, a total of 115,000 persons died in Pennsylvania. That figure is approximately 7,000 less than in 1923. The death rates from tuberculosis and diseases of infancy were the lowest in the history of the State in the past year.

Seventy-one persons in each hundred thousand unit of population died from tuberculosis of the lungs in 1924 as contrasted with 75 in 1923. The 1924 infant mortality rate was 80 per thousand births. In 1923, the rate was 88 so that 2,000 less babies died from diseases of infancy in 1924 than in the preceding year. Both the infant mortality and the tuberculosis rates have been cut in half in the last eighteen years. In 1905, the tuberculosis rate was 130 while the infant mortality rate was 167.

Contagious diseases which took a large toll of deaths in former years have now been robbed of much of their terror, the death rate statistics reveal. Typhoid fever, which killed off 4,000 persons in 1906 was responsible for but 340 deaths in 1924.

The principal causes of death in 1924 were heart disease, pneumonia and violence. These three causes of death contributed approximately one quarter of all the deaths in Pennsylvania last year. The first two are regarded as more or less inevitable because people live longer now than they did two decades ago.

"If we watch our step a bit more carefully when traveling and do not go so fast on high gear all the time, the numbers of death from violence will be materially decreased and we will live longer."

The deaths from violence include automobile accidents, train collisions, homicides and suicides as well as the industrial mishaps that yearly take a large toll of human lives. While as yet, the total deaths by accident have not been compiled, nevertheless, it is expected that they will be on a par with the 1923 figures when 7,200 persons were accidentally killed.

The 1924 birth rate was 24 per thousand of population. That figure is about the same as the 1923 birth rate. However, the net gain to the population of the State will be greater because of the decrease in the number of deaths of infants.

One hundred and fifty thousand persons were married in the past year on licenses issued by the State. This represents a rate of 16 per 1,000 of population.

This marriage rate indicates a healthful social condition. If, however, the averages of previous years is to continue effective, ten per cent. of all these marriages will be dissolved for one reason or another.

BOALSBURG.

Mrs. Hess, of State College, was a visitor among friends in town last week.

Mrs. J. F. Zechman and Mrs. Frank Ream have been confined to their homes by illness.

Rev. and Mrs. Moyer visited among members of the Reformed church, at Pine Hall, last week.

A number of professors from State College enjoyed a dinner at the Tavern on Monday evening.

Edward Woomey, of Shamokin, is visiting friends about town, Boalsburg having been his boyhood home.

Saturday evening Rev. Moyer will conduct preparatory and installation of officers in the Reformed church.

Mrs. R. B. Harrison, Mrs. Coxey, S. E. Weber and A. W. Dale transacted business in Bellefonte on Thursday.

Mr. Nevel and family are occupying "the little brick" on Main street, recently vacated by Roland Young and family.

There will be communion services in the Lutheran church, Sunday, at 10:30. Preparatory service on Friday evening at 7:30.

William Meyer went to Instanter on Saturday to attend the funeral of his son-in-law, William Sweet, whose death occurred Friday, after a six week's illness.

The Knights of Malta and their families, with the local ministers and a few Williamsport Knights, enjoyed a banquet last Wednesday evening. The I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs banqueted Wednesday evening of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller Mothersbaugh, of Williamsport, and Reuben Stuart and daughter, of Crafton, were in town on Tuesday and Wednesday, coming here for the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Mothersbaugh. Friends from Centre Hall, Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, Lemont and State College were also in attendance.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles C. Orndorf, et ux, to Fraternity Rod and Gun Club, tract in Haines township; \$30.

Witmer Steel Co. to Joseph B. Ard, tract in Haines township; \$300.

L. F. Mayes, et ux, to the trustees of the P. O. S. of A., tract in College township; \$350.

Catherine E. Kemmerer to Mary B. Conradi, tract in College township; \$1,000.

P. O. S. OF A. OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Pennsylvanians is what might be termed a hotbed for Patriotic Order Sons of America. Four camps in the valley not only live and thrive but during the past year have increased their membership over two hundred. Since the first of January the officers elected for the ensuing year have all been duly installed by district deputy E. S. Ripka, of Centre Hall. They are as follows:

CENTRE HALL—JANUARY 2nd.
Past President, Alvin Floray.
President, C. T. Musser.
Vice President, Rossman Wert.
Master of Forms, Reed Hackett.
Rec. Secretary, T. L. Smith.
Asst. Recording Secretary, T. L. Moore.
Financial Secretary, E. S. Ripka.
Treasurer, D. W. Bradford.
Chaplain, W. C. Heckman.
Conductor, E. W. Burkholder.
Inspector, Roy Searson.
Guard, Howard Emery.
Right Sentinel, P. H. White.
Left Sentinel, J. P. Condo.
Trustees, W. H. Bland, A. C. Ripka, Harry Franz.

WOODWARD—JANUARY 3rd.
Past President, W. J. Smith.
President, H. S. Waratz.
Vice President, W. F. Boob.
Master of Forms, E. H. Miller.
Recording Secretary, W. R. Smith.
Asst. Recording Secretary, H. P. Long.
Financial Secretary, E. H. Musser.
Treasurer, F. F. Orndorf.
Chaplain, D. J. Benner.
Conductor, Frank Corman.
Inspector, S. W. Haines.
Guard, L. L. Haines.
Right Sentinel, C. E. Hackenberg.
Left Sentinel, F. P. Hoyer.
Trustees, J. W. Giseville, Harris Stover, W. F. Boob.

SPRING MILLS—JANUARY 5th.
Past President, W. Bright Bitner.
President, Harry Corman.
Vice President, Chas. Ripka.
Master of Forms, John Moser.
Recording Secretary, Jerry Albright.
Asst. Recording Secretary, J. G. Shook.
Financial Secretary, W. H. Hottinger.
Treasurer, S. L. Ganser.
Chaplain, W. H. Smith.
Conductor, Simon Rote.
Inspector, Clair Boob.
Guard, Glenn Corman.
Right Sentinel, Garman Matter.
Left Sentinel, Jared Ripka.
Trustees, H. E. Stover, Harry Corman, C. H. Gould.

AARONSBURG—JANUARY 9th.
Past President, F. E. Boyer.
President, A. A. Auman.
Vice President, Glenn Kerstetter.
Master of Forms, N. E. Hazel.
Recording Secretary, F. W. Raeban.
Asst. Recording Secretary, M. A. Stover.
Financial Secretary, W. G. Rupp.
Treasurer, H. D. Krape.
Chaplain, Z. A. Weaver.
Conductor, L. E. Wance.
Inspector, Milford Hazel.
Guard, H. J. Stover.
Right Sentinel, S. H. Wance.
Left Sentinel, Paul Keller.
Trustees, A. S. Musser, W. J. Bower, T. C. Weaver.

Officers of Ladies Temples were installed by Mrs. Ripka, as follows:

CENTRE HALL—JANUARY 8th.
Past Templar, Mary Searson.
Noble Templar, Mabelle Shearer.
Vice Templar, Chester Tressler.
Proprietess, Lena Lohr.
Priestess, Leah Frazier.
Guardian of Records, Lydia Bradford.
Guardian of Exchequer, Vera Frank.
Guardian of Finance, Miriam Coldron.
Marshall, Ethel Frank.
Outer Portal, Helen Tressler.
Inner Portal, Irene Reifsnyder.
Pinnist, Lottie Searson.

MILLHEIM—JANUARY 9th.
Past Templar, Martha Foote.
Noble Templar, Ruth Baifer.
Vice Templar, Helen Foote.
Proprietess, Olive Keen.
Priestess, Rhoda Cable.
Guardian of Records, Helen Cramer.
Guardian of Exchequer, Mary Hassinger.
Guardian of Finance, Ida Confer.
Marshall, Elizabeth Breen.
Outer Portal, Margaret Keen.
Inner Portal, Sue Cable.
Pinnist, Ethel Overdorf.

AMERICA FIRST.

From a sermon preached in the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C., by the Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Albany.

Not merely in matters material, but in things of the spirit.

Not merely in science, inventions, motors, and skyscrapers, but also in ideally principles, character.

Not merely in the calm assertion of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.

Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded world like a Good Samaritan.

Not in splendid isolation, but in Christlike co-operation.

Not in pride, arrogance and disdain of other races and peoples, but in sympathy, love, and understanding.

Not in treading again the old, worn, bloody pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, other nations will follow, into the new Jerusalem where wars shall be no more.

Some day some nation must take that path—unless we are to lapse once again into utter barbarism—and that honor I covet for my beloved America.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul, "AMERICA FIRST."

A Happy New Year for You and Yours.

JOHN H. CLARKE.

December 30, 1924.

RUNVILLE.

Thomas Kline is on the sick list.

Ellis Resides, of Milesburg, called at the home of L. J. Heaton on Monday.

F. L. Shope visited at Bellefonte on Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Watson.

Samuel and Glenn Lyon, of Lyontown, called at the home of Thomas Kline, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Flick and son Robert, of Bellwood, came down on Friday evening and visited among friends here and at Bellefonte, returning home on Sunday afternoon.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. F. L. Shope were Grant Shope, of Altoona; J. B. Shope, of Monument; Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Clement Shope, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Flick and son Robert, Eddie Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mong, of Bellwood; Miss Lizzie Gummo, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Clair Poorman, of Hornell, N. Y.

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