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STATE BOARD PLANS FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

To Fit Pupils for Work--Industrial, Agricultural and Household Arts Training to Be Given.

On Friday afternoon the Senior Class of the High School rendered the following program:

Recitation—Violet Dickson.
"The Class, Past and Present"—
Pauline Grof.

Violin and Piano Duet—Samuel Peck and Lucile Conrad.

"What Meyersdale High School has Meant to the Class"—Margaret Schultz.

Recitation—Bernadette Crowe.

Personals—Helen Boucher.

Piano Solo—Lucile Conrad.

Paper—Albert Lintz and Earl Boyer.

Class Song.

Class History—William Lint.

"A Day with the Senior Class"—
Lee Austin.

Song—Class.

Class Poem—Samuel Peck.

Song—School.

Prophecy—Howard Will.

Presentation—Park Weimer.

"Farewell to the Class"—Florence Boyer.

Song—Class.

The state board of education will take up the preliminary work for the establishing of vocational education in the schools of the state at once, but it will be necessary for the present legislature to make an appropriation to carry it into effect.

Dr. J. George Becht, secretary of the state board, in speaking of the plans for enforcement of the act, said:

"In extending the educational system through the vocational education act, which has just been signed by the governor, Pennsylvania puts herself among the leaders of the states in this important department of public education. The state board of education is authorized to investigate the subject in general, and to render assistance in the introduction of industrial, agricultural and household arts education, to assist in establishing schools and departments and to inspect and approve such schools as are provided for in the act.

"The purpose of this form of education is to give such training as is needed for the following reasons:

"First, that we may have more

efficient men and women in the industrial and vocational walks of life.

"Second, that by means of this practical form of education we shall be able to hold in check, during the critical period of youth, the many children who react adversely to book training in our schools and consequently leave on one pretext or another.

"Third, that this large body of young persons may be kept from entering upon duties and occupations where their development is likely to be arrested early and thus prevent growth toward wider efficiency.

"This form of education will reach four groups as follows:

"First, those boys and girls who are compelled by reason of home conditions to leave school at the close of the compulsory school age and who will thus never have an opportunity to attend high schools.

"Second, it will provide a means for those pupils who may take some part of a high school course, but who are unable, by reason of financial or other conditions, to complete it.

"Third, it will provide a means for continuing the education of those who are now at work in the industries.

"Fourth, provision can be made for those who will complete the high school course, but who are unable to enter college.

"It will be recalled that the bill provides for part daytime and also for evening classes.

"The schools have been severely criticised because so large a number of children have no definite preparation for specific work when they leave school. With vocational schools established throughout the state children will have a means for obtaining definite instruction for particular activities.

"On account of the great variety of industries in Pennsylvania the process of administration will be somewhat difficult and complicated. It involves a tremendous responsibility, but if the legislature will make the necessary appropriation, the successful development of the system will be a question of comparatively short time."

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Saturday, May 3rd, the engagement of Miss Margaret Dill was announced when her mother entertained twenty-eight of their lady friends at a prettily appointed one o'clock luncheon, at their home on the South Side. The decorations were beautifully carried out in yellow and white; the flowers used were Marguerites. The lunch was served at small tables, and the place cards were hand painted. When the ice cream was served, each guest found a tiny envelope on her plate which contained a card bearing the names of Miss Margaret Dill and Mr. A. P. Kephart, and in this way the engagement was made public. After the guests recovered from the delightful surprise best wishes were extended to the happy bride-to-be. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing "500." No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Dill is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dill, and is an accomplished and very popular young lady. She is a graduate of our High School in class of '07 and also of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md. For the past two years she had been the Latin teacher in the Seminary at Sugar Grove, Pa., which position she resigned a month ago.

Mr. Kephart is the president of the Sugar Grove Seminary.

Miss Jean Armstrong of Connellsville, a class mate of Miss Dill's, was the only out-of-town guest.

BASE BALL.

There are rumors that a base ball team will be organized in the near future and that frequent games will be played on the home grounds.

We have the playing material on hand and if interest can be aroused, Meyersdale will render a good account of her ability on the ball field. Let the fans get together and give the sporting blood a chance to show what it is made of. Base ball for Meyersdale is what the people want.

THE GRADE SCHOOLS FINISH THEIR WORK.

The grade schools closed last Friday evening with generally satisfactory results for the year's work. The work in the High School continues.

The commencement will be held in Dinges Theater, Friday evening May 30th when a change will be made from the custom that prevailed in the past. The salutatory and the valedictory will be delivered by members of the class and some noted educator will deliver an address. The graduating class numbers 14.

The Normal School opened under favorable auspices. Forty-eight were enrolled on Monday morning. The school will school will continue for eight weeks. The faculty consists of four instructors.

RECENT MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

Mrs. Nellie Proctor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, and Milton Berkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Berkey, both of Windber, were married at Jobstown, by the Rev. J. W. Mills.

Miss Ella May Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bowman, and Frederick Ernest Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walters, both of Barronvale, were married at the home of the bride's parents, May 3, by the Rev. H. A. Stahl.

Miss Elizabeth Beech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Beech, and G. E. Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant A. Watkins, both of Listie, were married at Friedens, May 5, by the Rev. J. C. McCarney, pastor of the Friedens Lutheran church.

On Saturday evening at the Amity Reformed parsonage, by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Ernest Bodes, of Meyersdale Route No. 2, son of Mrs. Henry Bodes and Ada O. Christner, daughter of Norman Christner, of Elk Lick, Route, No. 1, were united in marriage.

DIED AT SALISBURY.

Mary A. Brosman, died at Salisbury, on Sunday May 4th, 1913, at the age of 24 years. She was a victim of pulmonary tuberculosis. Her funeral took place Wednesday morning. Her pastor Rev. Father Quinn, of West Salisbury officiated at the funeral service.

Among the floral tributes was a beautiful wreath of roses sent by the members of Friendship Lodge, No. 76, L. O. O. M., of Meyersdale, of which her husband is a member.

OUR CEMETERIES.

The time is here to clean up and the season when the many make their trips to the cemeteries is now at hand, but a few more weeks remain until Memorial Day is with us. Doubtless much work has still to be done in the cemeteries before they stand inspection of friends and strangers. Let that work be carried on now, so that we show to all that we regard our cemeteries as consecrated places and that we show a proper regard for the dead.

THE CITY DADS HOLD THE USUAL LENGTHY SESSION

Much Business Demands Their Attention--Meeting Was In Session Until Midnight.

Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening. All members were present.

The minutes of the preceding regular and special meetings were read and approved.

W. H. Klingaman, health officer, was present and made a report and presented bill for fumigating and draining. The rate for fumigating had been increased, which Mr. Klingaman declared the law allowed. The matter evoked considerable discussion.

With reference to the old mill race, the report was made that Mr. Wilmoth had determined to abandon the old race, but wants an extension of time to raise the tile that are imbedded in the race.

Peter Knepp and U. M. Miller were present. The former made the request, that the gutter on North street which is three feet deep be given attention. These persons said that the property holders of North street were willing to have ditches placed in front of their properties and that they would be willing to meet the conditions which the borough imposes, although they had not understood the conditions, as they really are. The Council decided to suspend that work temporarily.

H. E. Hibner was present and with a lengthy petition, asking that a sidewalk be laid from Thomas street on Sixth Avenue to Salisbury street. On motion, P. J. Cover, was to be notified to lay pavements according to ordinance.

Burgess Reich made his report which was accepted and filed. Collected, \$14.50.

He was requested to make out a list of those whose fines can be collected and that the officers be instructed to arrest those who have taken advantage of leniency shown.

Mr. Reich suggested that an adjustment be made due to the increased seating capacity of the Auditorium during five months of the year.

The Meyersdale Planing Mill per W. H. Deeter, President, asked permission for the tramway in good condition. The request was granted on condition that the same be under the supervision of Council and that on request of Council the tramway be removed. The city solicitor is directed to draw up the article of agreement.

The Secretary is directed to communicate with B. J. Lynch, former borough engineer with reference to the sewage plant.

STREET COMMITTEE.
The Street Committee reported that repairs are being made on the streets in different parts of town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
The finance committee reported that the sinking fund amounts to \$2,539.62.

Overdraft, \$421.35, and that there are due for 1912, taxes the large sum of about \$1,800.00. Some of the property holders who had brick ditches laid in front of their properties, with only the cost of the material have not yet met their obligations to the city. They are to be

MAKING CHANGES.

T. W. Gurley is at work changing the office location in the garage building, enlarging the entrance to the garage, and remodeling the stationery and sporting goods store rooms for the moving picture show which will occupy the spacious rooms by the middle of June.

BARN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

On Tuesday evening during the terrific hail and electrical storm, the lightning struck the barn on the O. M. Smith farm just west of town. The barn and other out buildings were destroyed. A calf and a lot of chickens were also consumed by the fire.

IRVING GLEE CLUB COMING.

Next Thursday, May 15th, Irving College Glee Club will be here and give a concert in the Dinges Theater at 8:15 p. m. They come highly recommended and all lovers of music should go and spend a pleasant evening. The proceeds are for the benefit of Lutheran League.

THE PRACTICAL AND THE SANITARY

WHO WILL LEAD OFF?

This is again the season for general cleaning up and improvement, when the homes are made beautiful and the surroundings are made attractive and sanitary. This is also an age when the practical is worth its full face value, and when all things are focused to minister to the public. The ornamental and the useful should go hand in hand. The ornamental without the useful is of the nature of extravagance while the useful should be given as much of the ornamental as possible, but this is an age where the utilitarian idea predominates and yet the ornamental is most desirable.

The Civic League has undertaken the ornamental and at the same time, in a measure the useful in arranging for a public fountain. This is creditable for their enterprise and commendable in helping to make the town beautiful and also servicable in slaking the thirst of man and beast. Of course the expense is heavy for the accomplishment of the object in view, and only of use for part of the year. Let that all be called a good work. But clean streets and a clean town are of the highest importance. A number of streets are paved, and the condition of these streets, especially the business streets, are no credit to the town and to strangers they are a commentary on the customs and ways of Meyersdale. Now this may be called the work of the council, so it is probably, but the council is always hampered for lack of funds. An excellent sphere in which the work of the city could be complemented by the Civic League would be in

using every effort in having clean streets. One of the practical and useful things would be a street sweeper and the expense for this would be comparatively small. How would a suggestion to the Civic League be received regarding a street sweeper? Would it not be an enterprising thing and in the right direction if efforts would be made to give the stable and pig pens a coat of lime, and the people be encouraged to do this work.

Encouragement might be given to this if a small investment were made by the Civic League in furnishing free white wash. That would give our alleys quite a different appearance, and it would improve the sanitary conditions very much. This would seem practical and inexpensive.

There are a good many old branches in the back lots, ashes and rubbish here and there that detract from the appearance of town. Can there not be a "clean town" day, when teams will be around to haul out the dead branches and all kind of rubbish from the back lots? This seems possible and it would not entail a large expense. Some organization should take hold of the matter and to us it seems that it would come under the province of the Civic League. It would seem feasible and practical.

While the fountain is ornamental and of some use, it touches but a comparatively few families, but clean streets and a clean town, will be for the benefit of the whole town, a good advertisement to the town, a credit to those who bring about better conditions. This will be practical and sanitary.

The band and fire company are requested to settle for bills rendered.

Mrs. McGarrey's side walk on Center street had not been laid. The street committee is to notify her to lay sidewalk within ten days, or the Council will be forced to lay sidewalk according to city ordinance.

B. E. Shipley asked for sidewalk grade. The grade is the same as at present.

WATER AND LIGHT COMMITTEE.
The water and light committee had nothing to report.

Dogs to be taxed. The Borough is determined to enforce dog tax law, and the ordinance covering this, will be rigidly enforced.

The culvert across Center street at the property of Baer and Company through the flushing of the streets became filled with sand. Reference to street committee.

COMMUNICATIONS.
Mr. Martz of Keystone street complained of the foot bridge at Buhl and Gatesman's. To be attended to.

Property holders on Keystone street are directed to lay sidewalks or they will be laid according to the rights given by ordinance.

The W. M. R. R., claims that the written specifications do not accord with the verbal agreement, in order to surrender the bond which the Council holds against the W. M. R. R. The borough insists that the bridge is not safe, due to the lack of lights. The company claims that it has carried out its agreement.

Borough officers are instructed to inspect electric light, telephone, telegraph, cable trolley line and poles and other lines and conduits, the streets, alleys and other public thoroughfares twice a month and report to the Council at each meeting.

BILLS RENDERED.

W. H. Klingaman..... \$ 4 21
Brick and Tile..... 14 04
Hoblitzell..... 5 00
The Commercial Stationery..... 1 10
Appel & Glessner..... 4 00
E. J. Dickey, clerk, postage etc..... 9 19
Gloss..... 1 80
Fisher..... 2 93
The Republican Adv..... 3 15
Cunningham Lumber Co..... 15 44
Gloninger & Maxwell..... 108 50
Savage Brick Co..... 113 70

STREET LABOR.

Albright..... \$ 19 25
Kidner..... 19 25
Austin..... 19 25
J. O. Weller..... 23 50
Hammer..... 8 60
Officer Cramer..... 30 00
Officer Hare..... 30 00
Office Swearman..... 14 00
Badges, tags for dogs..... 3 18

Half the amount of bills of Gloninger & Maxwell and Savage Brick Co., ordered paid. Other bills ordered paid in full.

Council adjourned at midnight to meet in adjourned session on Tuesday evening May 13th.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic League was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. H. H. Williams on Main street. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, the business of the evening was taken up, and the first discussion was the fountain which will be erected in the near future. Bids for the concrete work had been let, but the secretary had only heard from one party consequently the contract could not be let until all would be heard from.

In addition to the \$10 prize offered by a citizen to be given as one prize or divided into several, as the League would decide, to the house on Broadway for the best kept lawn, the League offers the same amount to be divided in the same way to the best kept lawn on any street in town, excepting Broadway. Everybody should be interested in this matter and should work for the prize by improving their surrounding and at the same time helping to beautify the town.

In order to help the League along financially, Mrs. W. S. Livengood, her sister, Miss Mae Eisteller and Mrs. S. E. Thorley will give a tea on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Livengood, on Meyers avenue, the hours being three to five. Every body is cordially invited and urged to attend and help the ladies along with their good work. Besides delicious refreshments that will be served by the ladies, there will be good music and readings also. The small sum of 25 cents is all it will cost you.

The League wishes to return their sincere thanks to all who so kindly rendered their assistance and helped to make the concert recently given so successful.

U. S. RECOGNIZES CHINESE REPUBLIC.

Washington, May 2.—Minister Chang, as soon as he learned that this country formally had recognized the Chinese republic, called upon John Bassett Moore, acting secretary of state, to assure him of China's appreciation. The minister told Secretary Moore he was sure this country's act would go far in helping the new government to assume and maintain its new position in the family of republican nations.

State department officials are inclined to regard the language contained in Yuan Kai's message of thanks to President Wilson's letter of recognition as indicating devotion of republican principles, refuting the charge that he had been contemplating the establishment of despotism.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Polly Naugle, widow of the late John Naugle, Sr., who died 17 years ago, passed away last Thursday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Justus Keim, of North street, at the age of 85 years. Death was due to a complication of ailments incident to her advanced years.

Mrs. Naugle's maiden name was Polly Weible, and she was the mother of 12 children, nine of whom survive as follows: Mrs. Justus Keim of town, Mrs. Fred Ott of Johnstown, Samuel Naugle of Paint township, Mrs. Jacob Berkey of Jenner township, Charles Naugle of Quemahoning township, Jacob Naugle and Mrs. Mary Miller of Iowa and Daniel Naugle of California. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. David Naugle, who resides near the St. Thomas' church.

Funeral services were held at the St. Thomas' church near Holsopple, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Daniel Leeron, officiating. Interment was made in the St. Thomas' cemetery.

DAVID FULLER.

Yesterday one of Elk Lick township's oldest and best known citizens died—David Fuller, better known as "Squire Fuller."

David Fuller was born in the community in which he spent most of his life, on September 9, 1826, and died May 7, 1913, aged 87 years, 7 months and 28 days. His early life was spent in the store of Elijah Wagner, of Salisbury.

"Squire Fuller was twice married, first to Elizabeth Caton. By his first marriage the following children survive: Lucretia, wife of D. J. Miller, Susan, wife of Henry Bittinger, of Springs, and Mrs. Sallie Breneman, of Akron, O. His second wife was Harriet McCloskey. From this union the following children survive: Mrs. Lorena Reitz and Mrs. Alice Williams, Elk Lick; Rensley Fuller, West Salisbury, and John Fuller at home.

In politics "Squire Fuller was a Republican, although he showed his independence frequently by ignoring his political party.

"Squire Fuller was unusually well known in Somerset county, also in Allegany county, Md. Some years ago he had been deputy sheriff of Allegany county, Md. For a period of about thirty years he had dispensed justice in Elk Lick township. At the time of his death he was a member of the United Evangelical church.

The pastor, Rev. F. B. Ellenberger, will officiate at the funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, Salisbury.