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A HANDSOME STRUCTURE WHEN COMPLETED.

Work on the New Sunday School Building of Amity Reformed Church is Progressing Rapidly--It Will Be a Model of Architecture.

Some months ago the Amity Reformed congregation began to agitate the matter of improving the valuable church property which the congregation holds in town. This agitation resulted in bringing to the consciousness of the congregation the need of better facilities for church work, and aroused the membership to act decisively in the project, so that the plan was arrived at that the church should be remodeled and a Sunday school room should be built.

This latter work has been commenced, and splendid progress has been made. Ex-president of Council, Val Gress, has the contract for excavating, and he and his force have been making the dirt fly ever since.

Simon Werner of near Glade City is engaged in furnishing the common stone for the foundation, and Elmer E. Klingaman, the liveryman, hauls the split stone. John A. Shumaker of Hyndman has the contract for building the wall. He is ably assisted in this work by his two sons, Norman W. of Meyersdale, and J. W. of Hyndman, F. S. Cook of Hyndman, and A. R. Miller of Garrett. With this force of master masons the work is being pushed very rapidly and the teams are compelled to keep moving at a lively gait to furnish the stone for the foundation wall.

Mr. Shumaker, the contractor is no stranger in Meyersdale. There are some buildings in town erected by him which stamp him as a mechanic

of a very high order. Of those buildings in town in which contractor Shumaker had a hand are the R. Reich & Son, Appel & Glessner building and the M. E. Church the three most massive, most beautiful and most substantial buildings in town. The building committee did well when the services of Mr. Shumaker were secured to build the foundation wall, thus giving assurance that the superstructure will have a firm foundation on which to rest.

O. W. Truxal is chairman of the building committee and the architect of the building. The Second National Bank building was also constructed according to his plans. Mr. Truxal is giving practically all his time in overseeing the work.

This new Sunday school building when finished will be large and modern. In the basement will be a culinary department, reading rooms, gymnasium, rooms for entertainment, etc.

The auditorium will have class rooms, and galleries on three sides, back of the reading desk and on an elevation of three feet is the room of the primary department, which can be thrown into one immense room by a sliding partition which separates the two rooms.

When this building is completed it will surpass all Sunday school rooms in the county for convenience and equipment. All this will increase the efficiency for church work, and will be creditable to the congregation and to the town.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Israel Fullem, aged 60 years, died at home just west of Garrett, and was buried at Summit Mills on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Yoder, her pastor, officiating at the service. She is survived by her husband and two grown up children, Annie and Noah, both at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, aged 67 years, died at Somerset on Wednesday, May 7th. Her remains were brought to Meyersdale and taken to the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mankamer of the South Side, where the funeral services were held on Friday morning. Interment was made in the Union cemetery. Undertaker W. A. Clark had charge of the funeral.

Charles Clayton Lehr, aged 16 years, 2 months and 22 days, died at his home in Garrett on May 12th. He was a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Lehr and had been an invalid since childhood. Funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock with services in the Reformed church. Rev. H. H. Wiant of Berlin, was the officiating minister. The body was laid to rest in Ridgeview cemetery at Garrett.

Mrs. Lydia Christner, wife of Austin Christner, died at her home in Garrett, yesterday. Funeral services will be held at her home tomorrow at 10 a. m. by Rev. W. H. B. Carney. Interment will be at Center church.

SURPRISE PARTY AT FROSTBURG.

On Friday evening May 9th, the brothers and sisters of Barbra Brode, with a number of their families journeyed to Frostburg, via the Western Maryland. The occasion for the surprise was the fifty-seventh anniversary of Mrs. Brode's birth.

About twenty-five persons left here and gave Mrs. Brode the surprise of her life. She was not expecting any such demonstration. The folks of Pennsylvania gave the first surprise and after they were comfortably settled a new surprise was sprung on them. The relations of Mr. Brode put in their appearance--about forty in number and masquerading. This gave rise to quite a lot of amusement and the evening rapidly wore away.

At a late hour a supper was served, for the visitors had not gone empty handed, and the children of Mrs. Brode had also made ample preparations. After all had feasted the party began to brake up. Some of the folks from near here wanted to return on the Western Maryland train getting here at 4:01 a. m. and had the pleasure of waiting two hours for their train and getting here rather late. Others came Saturday morning and several remained over Sunday with Frostburg relatives.

Mrs. Brode is the oldest living daughter of the late George Werner and a sister of H. C. John, Paul G. and Mahlon W. Werner, and Mrs. Sarah Baer, Mrs. Herman Baker and Mrs. Susan Deitle all of near Meyersdale. The following were present: H. O. Werner and wife, John, Bertha and Olive Werner; Herman Baker and wife, Luella Baker, Mrs. Minnie Werner, Mrs. Sarah Baer, Emma, Susan, Edith and Ezra Baer; Mahlon W. Werner, Mrs. Paul Werner, Andrew, Seigner, Sr., Ida Seigner, Andrew Seigner, Jr., Mrs. Harvey Wahl, Hilliel Shuch and wife, Thelma Shuch, Adam Deitle and Lloyd Deitle of Meyersdale. The following from Frostburg were also present: Mrs. George Vogtman, James Close, Mrs. Lena Close, George Gunnett and wife, Ellsworth Meyer and wife, Doras Meyers, Mrs. George Mayer, Ruth Mayer, Mrs. Youngerman, Mrs. Lehr, Lena Lehr, Henry Lehr and wife, Anna Lehr; Mrs. Anna Thomas, Mrs. Mat Gunnett, Olan Gunnett and wife; Eliza Ziemler, Mrs. Clara Race, Mrs. Richard Thomas, Laura Krouse, Alex Close, Mrs. Minnie Close, Kenneth Close; Mrs. Sadie Hartman, Elhara Hartman, Frank Hartman, Mary Brode, and Charles Wade and wife.

ANTI-CIGARET LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania now has a drastic anti-cigarette law on the statute books the bill introduced by Senator "Joe" Thompson having been approved by Governor Tener. It is not only unlawful to give or sell cigarettes, or cigaret papers, to any one under 21 years old, but minors found with them in their possession must tell from whom they were obtained. The bill is as follows:

"That any person who shall furnish to any minor, by gift, sale or otherwise, any cigaret or cigaret paper, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$300, and to undergo an imprisonment in the jail of the proper county for a period of not less than 30 days nor more than six months.

"Any minor being in possession of a cigaret paper and being by any police officer, constable, juvenile court officer, truant officer or teacher in any school asked where and from whom such cigaret or cigaret paper was obtained, who shall refuse to furnish such information, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any alderman, magistrate or justice of the peace, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$5, or to undergo an imprisonment in the jail of the proper county not exceeding five days, or both.

CIVIC LEAGUE OF SOMERSET CLEANS UP.

On Friday was clean-up day in Somerset. It was the first municipal clean up program ever arranged and carried out in the town. It was in charge of the Civic Club, composed largely of society women and was a great success.

Four wagons were busy throughout the day gathering garbage. Over 40 loads were deposited on a lot owned by Warren G. Fisher.

Each wagon was in charge of three or four men, who worked under the supervision of a committee of women. The women composing the committee were the following: Mrs. Charles J. Harrison, Mrs. J. Eugene McKelvey, Mrs. J. Edward Gump, Mrs. John F. Nichol, Mrs. Charles W. Walker, Mrs. Clinton C. Wagner, Mrs. J. M. Louthier, Miss Fannie Snyder, Miss Lucy Baer Soull, Miss Marian Wright, Mrs. Howard R. Boose, Mrs. Edmund E. Kieran and Mrs. Frank Hoer.

The street cleaning department under the direction of Street Commissioner Benjamin Franklin Burkett, cooperated with the Civic Club by thoroughly sweeping the streets.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

Powder Magazine Blown Up and Two Men Killed Near Frostburg.

Whatever the real cause of the explosion of the powder magazine of the Consolidation Coal Company's mine No. 10, which let go early Wednesday morning at Eckhart, will probably never be known, the only two men known to have been near the magazine at the time being killed in death which came to them with such suddenness that all Eckhart is shocked at the happening which occurred in their midst in the dead of the night.

There are several stories told of Patton and Kellar, the two dead men, that they had been drinking, some said, and had been talking recklessly the night of the explosion, as well as a few days previously, but there is little positive about anything except that both men are dead and beyond expiation. That neither had any right to be in the vicinity of the powder magazine at that time of night is strongly urged by the coal company.

All that is left of the accident is a rye field destroyed, a hole in the ground where the magazine was, numberless panes of window glass broken, much damage in and around Eckhart, and, worst of all, two sorrowing families.

Several persons received minor injuries from the shock which in effect--to those living nearby the scene of the accident--greatly resembled an earthquake. The explosives were stored in a fireproof magazine, made of galvanized tin and concrete. One side of the storehouse was found several hundred yards away.

Patton was 26 years of age and is survived by his wife, two children, his father, Mr. Joseph Patton, sisters, Mary, of Iowa, Mrs. Frank Closserman, Mrs. Joseph Chabot, Eckhart; brothers, Christopher of Des Moines, Joseph of Omaha and George of Eckhart.

Keller is survived by his parents, sisters Minnie of Philadelphia, Emma, Mollie, Eva and Elsie and brother John all of Eckhart.

Both of the deceased have been employed in the different mines around Eckhart, and had many friends there.

JUDGE W. H. RUPPEL APPOINTS OFFICIALS

Judge Ruppel this morning appointed J. Harrison, Jr., Tax Collector of Somerset township to succeed William Zimmerman, who resigned.

W. H. Sanner, Warren G. Ferner, and Homer D. Pyle have been appointed inspectors to report on a new bridge over Garry Run, in Middlecreek township.

Frank Zeigler, Austin Stoy, and Josiah Mauer, of Quemahoning township have inspected a bridge over Beaver Dam Creek and their report has been approved.

CONFLUENCE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

There were six members of the class graduated from the Confluence schools Saturday evening May 3rd--Irene King, Emmet Miller, Alta Flanigan, Helen Miller, Pearl Oliver and Marie Yonkin. The exercises were held in the Opera House, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The address to the graduates was made by the Rev. E. B. Bayer, and the diplomas were presented by E. B. Brown, President of the school board. Music was played by the Confluence Orchestra.

SQUIRE FULLER BURIED

The funeral of Squire Fuller of West Salisbury was largely attended on Friday afternoon. The services were held in the Evangelical church when his pastor, Rev. Mr. Ellenberger preached an excellent sermon. Interment took place in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

MISSIONARY TO PREACH

Rev. Mr. Heinrichson, missionary in China, on furlough in this country will deliver an address in the Amity Reformed Church next Sunday morning. Mr. Heinrichson is married to Miss Christine Reifsnnyder, formerly a teacher in our schools. They expect to return to China in the near future.

SOCIETY NOTES.

On Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. Harry Snider, Miss Bertha George was tendered a miscellaneous shower by the members of the Spinster Club, of which she is a member. Miss George will be married in June to Mr. Robert Cook.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING.

Much Enthusiasm Displayed--Potatoes and Tomatoes to Be Raised--\$25.00 in Prizes Offered.

The Parent-Teacher Association met in the Assembly Hall of the High School building in regular monthly session on Friday evening.

The High School chorus favored the association with a selection "In to the Sunshine and Starlight." Sanford Weinstein, pianist.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The roll was called, when it was disclosed that many were conspicuous by their absence. Eight new members were enrolled.

A duet was rendered by Misses Gill and Stratton, and then the treasurer made a report.

The association took on a new form of activity, which seems prophetic of the greater and more important work which the Parent-Teacher association will accomplish in the future. The association is determined to try the mettle of the boys and girls during the summer, in raising potatoes and tomatoes, the former for the boys and the latter for the girls. Mr. Cohen later suggested that there should be an opportunity given to those who are not engaged in that work to offer prizes for beautiful lawns and flowers.

The speaker of the evening was R. H. Philson, who gave a very interesting and very illuminating talk on the project of raising potatoes and tomatoes. He brought out these three points:

- 1st. Possibilities of plant life.
- 2nd. Growth of plant life.
- 3rd. The application of scientific knowledge to the vegetable kingdom.

He outlined a plan which was later

adopted, how this contest could be carried on. All boys and girls over 11 years are eligible to engage in the contest.

For potato raising a plot of ground one square rod is the limit, making six rows, thirty inches apart. For tomatoes--twelve plants are given to start and placed a proper distance apart and of these, six are for the contest.

The points in judging are as follows: 60 points on quantity by weight; 25 points on quality on a peck; 15 points on an essay.

Parents are requested to assist with advice and encouragement in the enterprise of their children, but are not allowed to render help otherwise.

With the great resources and abundance of land our country lacks in intensive farming. Germany doubled the increase in the potato crop in the last ten years. These are the prizes to be awarded in the potato and tomato contest: 1st. \$5.00; 2nd. \$3.00; 3rd. \$2.50; 4th. \$1.50 and 5th. 50 cents.

The executive committee is authorized to receive subscriptions covering the amount of the prizes. A committee of three is to be appointed to decide all questions in the future regarding the contest.

Some one will be selected to superintend the weighing of the products. The Burbank variety of potatoes will be used. Steps have been taken to have a practical farmer give a talk on "how to do it" to the future farmers. Eighteen boys and twenty-nine girls registered to engage in the contest.

PASTOR OF REFORMED CHURCH AT SOMERSET RESIGNS.

RETIRES AT AGE OF 73

After 32 years as pastor of St Paul's Reformed Church, the Rev. Dr. Hiram King, presented to the Joint Consistory of the Lavansville and Somerset Reformed churches, his resignation, which, he asks, shall become effective July 1. The aged minister says he will retire from the active ministry altogether. He is now 73 years old.

In addition to being a minister, the Rev. Dr. King is a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the 212th Pennsylvania Regiment.

He has also been a public spirited citizen of Somerset, having been on several occasions the leader of movements to secure civic improvements for the town.

When the new courthouse was erected, the Rev. Dr. King solicited subscriptions by which a soldiers monument was purchased and erected on the courthouse property. Later he solicited subscriptions and was instrumental in having a clock placed in the tower of the courthouse.

As a church worker he has few peers. Under his direction, a new Reformed church was erected in Somerset in 1887. From that year until 1891, he dedicated three new churches and rededicated one. The new ones are at Somerset, Lavansville and Glade, in Stonycreek Township. The Shanksville church was rededicated.

Several years ago, Dr. King interested George Baer, President of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad in the Somerset Reformed Church and secured a liberal subscription toward the purchase of a pipe organ.

Dr. King was born near Cochran's Mills, Armstrong County, July 17, 1839. He was married to a Miss Frantz July 30, 1868, and they celebrated their golden wedding in 1908. Mrs. King died several weeks ago.

Before the Civil War, Dr. King worked on a farm and after the war he prepared for the ministry, graduating from Franklin & Marshall College, which several years ago conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. His first charge was at Bellefonte, where he remained seven years, coming to Somerset in 1881.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

Somerset Classis is in session at the county seat this week, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., and delegate Elder C. F. Glessner, of Amity Reformed church are in attendance. The Somerset Classis, includes all the congregations of the county, Hyndman, of Bedford county, Cumberland and Frostburg, of Allegany county, Md.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The adjourned meeting of council was held on Tuesday evening. Absent, Weakland and Bolden. The ordinance which council contemplated adopting with reference to wires and pipes was read and laid over for further consideration. A number of property holders on Keystone street are to be notified to lay side walks. The matter of increased license, for increased seating of the auditorium was satisfactorily adjusted. There being no other business, council adjourned.

LININGER-SMITH

Howard Franklin Lininger, son of Henry Lininger of Accident Md., and Martha Ruth Smith, daughter of Geo. W. Smith, of town, were married on Thursday evening, May 8th at the parsonage of the Amity Reformed Church by Rev. A. E. Truxal D. D. Both of the contracting parties were employees at the Colonial Hotel. Their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous life.

DIED IN SOMERSET TWP.

Ezra Weigley, aged 65 years, died at his home in Somerset township, four miles west of town, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, from a complication of ailments. His wife, Sarah Shaffer, died in 1908. Mr. Weigley was a farmer and during the past 19 years has sold farming implements in addition to operating his farm. He is survived by the following children: Harry E. Weigley, manager of the West End Garage, Somerset; Cora, wife of John Enfield, of Rookwood; Vesta, wife of Jacob Eaton, of Latrobe; and Hulda, at home. Two brothers and one sister, also survive, as follows: John Weigley, of Somerset; William Weigley, of Berlin, and Mrs. Mary Walker, of Jenner township.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Elder Silas Hoover, of the Church of the Brethren. Interment in the Husband cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The officers of the Civic League wish to announce that the \$10 prize offered for the greatest improvements and best kept lawn on Broadway, was given in order to get the children interested in the work, therefore the prizes will only go where there are children under 18 years of age.

W. W. Staub, of Pittsburg, visited his mother, Mrs. Harriet Staub, and also transacted business here today

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