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AUTOISTS, TAKE NOTICE

Committee of Council to Inquire
Into Speeding Within the
Borough Limits.

MONTHLY COUNCIL REPORT

The regular monthly session of the borough council was held on Tuesday evening, Messrs. Dia, Deal, Weakland, Bauman and Darnley responding to their names at roll-call, and Messrs. Appel and Bolden being listed with the absentees.

John Miller, of Keystone street, asked that council repair the ditch in front of his property in order that he can lay his sidewalk. He, with Mr. Tressler, of the same street, was instructed to place his sidewalk where it belongs and that council would then have the ditch placed in proper shape. The street commissioner was instructed to examine alley back of these peoples' properties and make necessary repairs. Herbert Hibner of Thomas street reported that P. J. Cover had not yet complied with council's order to put down a sidewalk at his property in that section of town.

The Street Committee, through Mr. Deal, reported at length upon work done during the past month. Several streets that need attention were reported, and the same were referred to the street committee for investigation.

R. H. Philson, treasurer, representing the Finance Committee, reported upon the town's finances as follows:

Amount in Sinking Fund, \$2,320.68, and of this amount between \$400 and \$500 will be paid out on bonds within the next few days. The amount in the active account is \$62.22. Mr. Philson reported that but one property owner on East Main street had paid his bill rendered for expense of brick ditches, and but only four dog owners had complied with the ordinance providing for the licensing of dogs. The burgess was authorized to secure a man to catch and dispose of all unlicensed dogs as the ordinance provides.

Mr. Darnley, of the Water and Light Committee, reported that lighting conditions on the South Side, had been investigated and the committee has arrived at the conclusion that the system can be greatly improved by substituting series lights for arcs and properly distributing the same. It is said that for the same outlay of cash better light can be had, and it is probable that the system will be changed in the near future.

Burgess Reich reported fines collected during the month of May amounting to \$53.50. Uncollected fines, \$101.00

The recent fining of a B. & O. engineer for exceeding the speed limit in the borough, precipitated quite an argument concerning the speeding of automobiles within the borough limits. It was claimed by councilmen that the speed ordinance is flagrantly violated daily, and that no arrests are made. Upon motion the president was authorized to appoint a committee of three, himself to be a member of the same, to inquire into the matter and see to it that the officers do their duty in the enforcement of the ordinance regulating the speed of trains, automobiles and trolley cars within the borough limits. Nothing was said concerning motorcycles, but it is presumed that they are subject to the same regulations. The personnel of this committee is as follows: Messrs. Darnley, Deal, Appel and Dia.

The following bills were read by the secretary:

Electric light (two months).....\$247 14
Baer & Company, tile.....36 48

W. H. Klingaman, H. O.....3 35

Somerset Telephone Co.....6 25

Commercial, advertising.....1 52

J. H. Hoblitzell, Jr., surveying.....9 50

J. J. Hammers, street labor.....18 88

F. Albright, street labor.....16 50

J. Kidner, street labor.....14 05

J. Austin, street labor.....13 20

J. O. Weller, street labor.....16 00

M. Poorbaugh, water boy.....4 00

Bert Tressler, hauling.....11 25

F. P. Hare, police.....30 00

D. R. Cramer, police.....30 00

E. M. Swearman, police.....2 00

U. G. Miller, police.....1 00

E. J. Dickey, secretary.....5 10

P. J. Cover & Son, hardware.....5 94

The above bills were ordered paid as read with the exception of that of

Hand Mangled

Jonathan Beal Seriously Injured in Meyersdale Planing Mill.

Wednesday, just before noon, a distressing accident occurred in the plant of the Meyersdale Planing Mill, when Jonathan Beal, an old employee of the concern was so injured that he will practically be deprived of the use of his right hand. Mr. Beal was engaged in operating the large drum sandpapering machine, when by some means his right hand was caught between the iron feed rolls and drawn over the rapidly revolving sandpaper drum. The hand was crushed and torn, the knuckles sawed off and the bones of the hand sawed down to about one-half their original thickness. Dr. C. P. Large, who dressed the wounded member, said that amputation of all fingers, excepting perhaps the index finger, would in all probability have to be amputated. It is stated that the presence of Foreman D. A. Friedline who threw off the machine, saved the unfortunate man from losing his entire arm, or perhaps worse. Mr. Beal, who lives with his family on Lincoln avenue, is well known in our city, and his many friends sympathize with him in his misfortune.

J. J. Hoblitzell, Jr., for surveying, which was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation. The sum of \$8.71, the amount due from Baer & Co., for labor and material, was ordered deducted from their bill rendered the borough.

Communications were received from Assemblmen Hemminger and Lohr setting forth that they will use their influence in the passage of the bill, now up for consideration in the House, regulating the taxing of electric light, telegraph, telephone and trolley poles, conduits, cables, etc.

W. H. Deal, having resigned as a member of the Board of Health, and that body having recommended the appointment of W. R. Plitt to fill the vacancy, the same was duly ratified by council.

In the matter of the Main street brick ditches it was decided that the bills for same be turned over to the borough solicitor to be collected by legal process. The Street Committee was ordered, in view of the fact that Mrs. McGary refuses to lay a sidewalk in front of her property on Center street, to confer with the borough solicitor and take action in accordance with his advice for the construction of the same.

Pavement grades were ordered given on 4th, 6th and Keystone streets and it was ordered that the engineer begin work on same not later than this (Thursday) morning or this action to be rescinded. Grades were also ordered given on the west side of Grant street and the property owners notified to put down sidewalks.

The proposed construction of a culvert on Keystone street, near Buhl & Gatesman's distillery, was referred to the Street Committee.

The condition of township roads leading out of town was reported to be very bad, and since the borough is spending money to place the borough streets in good condition, upon motion it was decided that the secretary notify the Summit township supervisors to repair said roads at once, and in the event of their failure to do same they will be returned to the court.

Council adjourned at midnight.

IN HONOR OF SAINT ANTHONY

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock a novena in honor of St. Anthony was begun in SS. Philip and James Catholic church, of this city, and was opened by the Rev. J. N. Dumphrey, of Wilmore, Pa. Services, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Father Brady, will continue each evening at 7:30 o'clock until the 13th inst., which is St. Anthony's feast day. A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all.

CHILD INJURED.

To avoid running down a child at Lonaconing, Md., on Sunday, Dr. Harry Ryland, of this city, who was driving his automobile around a corner, steered into a telephone pole.

With him in the machine were Mrs. Ryland and two of their children.

One child, a little daughter, was thrown through the windshield, sustaining a cut in the face that required eleven stitches. The machine was wrecked, and the other occupants were bruised more or less.

Dr. Ryland returned home on Monday, but Mrs. Ryland and children remained at Lonaconing.

GRADUATING EXERCISES UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Public School Patrons and Friends Turn Out in Large Numbers to Witness Premier Annual Event in the Donges Theatre.

Dr. Weber, of State College, a Speaker

The commencement exercises of the graduating class of the Meyersdale High School, were held on Friday evening, May 30th, in Donges' Theatre. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, only a small crowd witnessed the exercises. Too much praise can not be given the graduates who participated in the program. The music was rendered by Livingood's orchestra. As the graduates marched upon the platform, it was noticed that the class was composed of an equal number of boys and girls, an unusual occurrence. The young ladies were all daintily gowned in white, the young men in black.

The Junior class occupied the boxes which were decorated in their class colors.

After the Invocation by the Rev. J. A. Yount, Lee Austin, president of the class, gave the Address of Welcome. In clear tone and pleasing manner he extended a cordial welcome to those who, by their presence had shown their interest and appreciation of the work of the school.

"The Fountain" was sung by the class, the boys carrying the melody, the girls the obligato. Sanford Weinstine presided at the piano.

The class then recited in concert the 103rd Psalm.

After a patriotic medley by the orchestra, Prof. Ketchman introduced the speaker, Dr. S. E. Weber, of State College. Dr. Weber gave much useful and thoughtful advice to the graduates in an address in which he emphasized the value of education and stated that its purpose is not to enable one to live without working but to render greater service to mankind.

The Class then rendered the song, "Spring."

Mr. Clarence Moore, member of the Board of Education, in a few well-chosen words, presented the diplomas and expressed the good wishes of that body for the class now graduating.

The following received diplomas:—John Lee Austin, Earl Walker Boyer, Florence Mabel Boyer, Sarah Helen Boucher, Lucille Patience Conrad, Bernadette Louise Crowe, Violet Merella Dickson, Pauline Elizabeth Grof, William Eston T. Lint, Albert Frederick Lintz, Samuel Wilson Peck, Margaret Elizabeth Shultz, Park Manchester Weimer, and Howard Reed Will.

A selection by the orchestra was followed by the Benediction by the Rev. G. A. Neeld.

At the close of the program, the Seniors and Juniors vied with each other in songs and yells.

The Valedictory by William T. Lint, showed a range and depth of thought, unusual in one of High School age. The oration was given clearly and distinctly and was heartily applauded.

As we stand to-night on the threshold of a new life, let us ask ourselves what is the purpose of our existence. Is it the enjoyment of the ephemeral pleasures of the world or is it personal salvation? To my mind, it is neither. I am inclined to believe with the adherents of the evolutionary hypothesis that the purpose of life is the development of individual character and the use of that character and the resultant power for the benefit of humanity, so that as each generation passes away, the world may be one step nearer to perfection.

Man was not placed perfected upon this earth, but it is by slow, laborious steps that he has risen from low spiritual levels to higher ones. He is ever on the march and the finest conception of life that we can have is involved in a feeling of responsibility that we must give the force of our lives, to the advancement, and not retardation of this march.

There are many factors which contribute to this progress, but chief among them is education. Education, to lead, from a process of leading from darkness to light, from ignorance with its attendant miseries to knowledge, whose handmaids are contentment and happiness; from foul crime to radiant virtue; from all that is darksome, bestial to all that is glorious, divine.

But do not mistake that this can be taught in schools. Only an exact,

Woman Jailed

Local Officers Detain Roumanian Lady Fleeing from Elwood City.

Monday afternoon the police received word to arrest a woman on train No. 14 who was charged with eloping with another man and taking with her \$700 of her husband's hard earned cash. The message was sent from Elwood City, Pa., a point west of Pittsburgh, and upon the arrival of the train Officers Cramer and Hare went aboard the same and brought off a woman who answered the description given by the authorities of Elwood City. She had two suit cases and a handbag, and when she was placed in the lockup it was found that she did not have as much as \$700, the size of her bank roll being \$13 in U. S. currency and the equivalent of \$38 in foreign currency. She also had a railroad ticket calling for passage from Elwood City to New York, and a combination steamship and railroad ticket on the Kronprinz Wilhelm from New York to a point in Roumania, which was booked to sail on Tuesday, June 3, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The type of education that has led us from this is the kind that stands for true advancement. But in spite of its great, inestimable service, it is as yet imperfect, because the practical is not stressed strongly enough. The purely ornamental has no place either in nature or in human life. In this tooth and claw struggle for existence, the fittest, that is he who is equipped with the blade of Knight and not the lath of a jester, survives. But in our modern education, in our high school course, is utility or decorative value the more highly considered. Seemingly the latter. For we are not endorsing that which will be of value; of assistance in life, but approving of that which hinders, encumbers. For instance is Latin or manual training of more value to a boy? Is it better to force him to excavate a language, dead and buried, a tongue in which he has no interest, whose intrinsic beauty he seldom or never appreciates, the intricate difficulty of which causes him to falter, to doubt his mentality. Or would it be more to the purpose to teach him manual training, that he may learn the art of handling tools, the dignity of labor, the creative joy that attends work performed, the confident self-reliance that accompanies tested ability to do. And the same holds true of the girl. Should she be instructed in all impracticalities and learn nothing of domestic economy, nothing of her holy, God-given function of bearing and rearing children? Should she, the future "Mother of Men," grow up in entire ignorance of the vast responsibility which presses so heavily upon her slender shoulders? Plainly the answer is No. However, thanks to much wise and just criticism and experiment we are casting overboard all superfluities, the remnants of medieval scholasticism and retaining but the necessities demanded by modern life.

For all education, which is worthy of the name, must, primarily, give one a grasp, comprehension and command of hard facts. This is the practical knowledge, the bread and butter knowledge the kind that enables one to correctly demonstrate the theorem that the world owes him a living. This is the kind of training that enables him to hold his own, may ever to win, in the scramble and struggle of life. It gives him a power, an ascendancy over the illiterate, those lower in the scale of development, which enables him to subordinate them as his inferiors. To oppose him, is useless. Fertile, resourceful, trained, he will surmount, or remove, any obstacle. All things must yield to the man who knows and does.

But culture gives something more than this which tends to mar material advantage, something less tangible than power or worldly comfort; something which, through it cannot be analyzed or defined, yet adds much to him who is blessed with it. This indefinable attribute of culture enables him to see things at their true values, giving him poise, balance in life's crises. He, who possesses this, can see beauty in all things. For him "the meanest flower that blows holds thoughts too deep for tears." This gift reserves the common place from mediocrity, glorifies it, transmutes the lead of everyday experience into the gold of universal truth.

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MEMORIAL EXERCISES

In Spite of Rain Veterans Perform Usual Annual Ceremony Last Friday.

FIREMEN REMEMBER DEAD

Early on Memorial day the old town was astir, every evidence was here to show that the populace was minded to observe the day on a big scale. "Old Glory" was hurled to the breezes from the business places and many private residences. The old soldiers came in from all directions to do honor to their fallen comrades, the drum corps and the citizens band were primed for the occasion; automobiles in abundance to convey the old soldiers to the cemetery, were ready and everything was propitious for the biggest and best Memorial day in the history of Meyersdale. Unfortunately the weather was very unfavorable and while the rain poured down in torrents the people were hopeful that between showers the parade could take place and the program could be carried out.

Long after the time set for the parade a beginning was made, and at the band stand a halt was made where it was decided to carry out the program as nearly as possible. The crowd around the band stand was very large; hundreds of people occupied the large space. The shower scattered the crowd to some extent but a large crowd was present throughout the shower. A. M. Schaffner presided at the meeting. The band rendered three inspiring selections, and the male quartet, composed of Messrs. Clutton, Baldwin, Thorley and Cook, rendered an appropriate hymn.

Mrs. Ada Mitchell pleased the large assembly by reciting, "Gray Men of Battle."

Rev. G. A. Neeld, delivered an eloquent address, and Rev. W. W. Wagner offered the prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The trip to the cemetery was abandoned and a detail from the post decorated the graves of the dead comrades.

Liveryman Kunkle earned the gratitude of the old soldiers by taking the detail to the cemetery without charges. The automobile project had to be abandoned.

In all the churches and cemeteries of which the M. C. Lowry Post had charge the attendance and the interest of the public was large and enthusiastic, showing clearly that the old soldiers are not forgotten, that their valor is written indelibly upon the hearts of their countrymen, and that the memory of the dead will be cherished, and the last years of the soldiers will be ministered unto.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

An enjoyable birthday surprise party was held at Sylvester Hay's, in Brothersvalley township, on Tuesday night, in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Sylvester Hay, a daughter of the late Joel Berkley. Those present were:—Mrs. Joel Berkley, Louis Berkley, wife and children, Grace and Sherman; Rufus Hay and wife; Mahlon Hay, wife and children, Edna and Royden; Peter Hay and wife; Hiram Hay, wife and son, Homer; Walter Hay and wife; Luke Hay, wife and son, Mark; Wilson Walker and wife; Edward Walker, wife and son, Glenn; Edward Hay, wife, and daughters, Marion and Mabel; Henry Hay, wife and daughter, Myra; Frank Diveley, wife, and son Ernest; Samuel Fogle and wife; Edison Fogle and wife; Simon Werner and wife; Joseph Werner and wife; Harvey Walker and wife; Guy Walker and wife; Dennis Ringler, wife and children, Edison, Lawrence, Harry, Henry and Sadie; Edward Martin, wife, and children, May, Martha and Harold; Howard Werner, Homer Vought, Marie Shultz, Ida Rumiser, Inez Coleman, Clara Diveley, Mary Ringler, Ernest Hay, Lula Knepper and Steve Demico.

Delicious refreshments were served and a general good time was had, all present enjoying themselves to the limit.

Instrumental music was supplied by Misses Clara Diveley and Lula Knepper, while Luke Hay and others entertained the company with several vocal selections.

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