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## MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED IN THE PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING. PRIZES AWARDED

The Parent-Teachers Association met in the assembly hall of the high school building on Friday night. This was the first meeting of the new school year, and a large number of persons interested in the project was present. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Clarence Moore, at 8:10 o'clock. In the absence of Mrs. Ralph D. Pfahler, Miss Hester Meyers acted as secretary. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. A committee consisting of Misses Deist, Hostetler and Lauver was appointed to solicit names for membership of the association. Last year's enrollment of the association numbered 58. Of the number of members only 28 had paid their membership fee of 25 cents per year. The association started with a balance in the treasury of last year's proceeds amounting to \$2.89.

Meyersdale's famous C. C. B. T. male quartet sang several selections to the enjoyment of the association. Rev. G. A. Neel delivered an address on "The Need of a School Library." The address was given in clear cut English, and was a powerful appeal for better literature for the boys and girls of the high school age, and a drastic arraignment of the trashy literature which occupies the minds of too many people who by culture and pretension should taboo the poisonous reading and discourage its general acceptance.

Prof. Kretschman announced that Dr. Bruce Lichty had donated the Britannica Encyclopedia and that Mrs. Olinger had presented a book to the library. The Britannica has been placed in the assembly hall, where the scholars have easy access to it in their work.

J. N. Lint, of the committee having in charge the tomato raising contest announced the following awards had been made to the girls for successful tomato raising:—1st. prize, Elizabeth Hocking, \$5.00; 2nd. Emma Meyers and Mary Pritz, being tie the prize of \$3.00 was equally divided, each receiving \$1.50; 3rd. Hilda Shultz, \$2.50; 4th. Louise Hocking, \$1.00; Irene Resh and Leora Beal, each received 25 cents, being tie in the 5th prize.

The committee was not ready to award prizes to the boys who were successful contestants in raising potatoes. The potatoes were on exhibition in the directors room and evidenced faithful work on the part of the boys.

Song by the quartet. The president made a felicitous speech after which the association adjourned.

Whether or not the association has accomplished all it hoped to accomplish it has at least made a beginning and has encouraged the boys and girls to spend some of their time profitably during the vacation season.

With the experience which the association gained during the last year, the current year should be rich in accomplishments for the good of our schools.

## RALLY DAY AT SUMMIT MILLS.

Rally Day will be observed in the Brethren Sunday school at Summit Mills, Sunday, Oct. 26, 1913. Following is the program.

Special Music—C. W. Baldwin, W. H. Baldwin, E. Dickey, H. K. Aurandt and son.

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers." Prayer—Rev. J. A. Miller.

Hymn—"The Song of the Reapers." Scripture Reading and Lesson Study. Secretary's Report.

Hymn—"Victory." Report of the Home Department. Address—Rev. H. L. Goughnour.

Hymn—"Stand up for Jesus." Address—Rev. J. A. Miller. Social Music—C. W. Baldwin, W. Baldwin, E. Dickey, H. K. Aurandt and son.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## DOUBLE CELEBRATION.

A double celebration was held at Somerset, Wednesday of last week at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. Charles F. Hochard. The occasion was the 46th birthday anniversary of the Sheriff and the 42d birthday anniversary of his wife.

## PRIZES AWARDED

The Civic League, had been busy during the year and their efforts to make the town look more beautiful, has found some response.

For the first year their work has been commendable, and doubtless at the end of the second year, much more improvement can be noted.

One of the residents of Broadway offered prizes covering from Centre street to the bridge, for children under 18 years of age.

First prize, \$5.00, to Alvin and Edith Bowser, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowser, worked on the lawn of their parents and sister, Mrs. Denicker.

Second prize, \$3 to Jennie Liven good, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Livengood.

Third prize, \$2 to Angela Reich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reich.

Town in general by the Civic League, for improvements and beautifying the lawns.

First prize, \$5.00 to Edward J. Gauntz, corner of High and Grant streets.

Second prize, \$3.00 to Mrs. Geo. Carter, on Grant street.

Third prize, \$200 to the twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Gress on Salisbury street.

## FARMER'S INSTITUTES.

By direction of the Division of Institutes of the Department of Agriculture, Farmer's Institutes will be held in Somerset county as follows: At Boswell, Jan. 19-20, Somerset, Jan. 21-22, Salisbury, Jan. 23-24. The following persons will represent the Department at the meetings: Prof. Franklin Menges of York county, E. B. Dorsett of Tioga county and Robt. S. Seeds of Huntingdon county.

## TWO RAILROAD MEN INJURED IN A WRECK.

Engine No. 2400 better known as "Old Maud", the largest locomotive on the Connellsville division of the B. & O. railroad, was badly damaged one morning last week in a head-on collision with train No. 273. A local freight, at the Wilson Creek Junction on the S. & C. branch, two miles north of Rockwood. The tank on the large engine was totally destroyed and the smaller engine was badly damaged. Three cars of merchandise were piled up and their contents destroyed. Engineer E. J. Ringer was badly bruised about the body and fireman A. S. Ash, was injured about the head and body; both were taken to their homes.

## SOMERSET COUPLE MARRIED HERE.

Miss Mary C. Seibert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Seibert and Wm. A. Markle, both of Somerset, were married here Tuesday evening at the Catholic parsonage, by Rev. Father J. J. Brady. The bride is a popular young lady and an accomplished pianist. She is a graduate of the Somerset High School and also of Martha Washington Seminary, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Markle, is associated with Harry G. Spitznogle, in the management of the Hotel Vannear. He came here several years ago from Johnstown. After a western honeymoon, the young couple will make their home in Somerset.

## FOUND A DEAD FOX.

W. H. Bittner, a railroader, picked up a dead young fox on Friday morning at the lower end of the Philson siding. The question arose in the minds of many, whether the head light of an engine blinded him that he did not run away for he had no bullet marks on his body. Mr. Bittner's son, C. W., had the fox in town Saturday morning.

## NEW MINE OPENED.

Wm. H. Merrbach and George Merrbach of Frostburg, struck their coal on Tuesday, October 14th. They have driven a drift 305 feet and have a vein three feet nine inches in height of best grade of coal. Mr. Merrbach expects to get his road ready in about three or four weeks, and will be over George and Henry Sipple's land, coming out on the narrow gauge road at Henry Sipple's gate, which will make a short haul of one mile to town. William Merrbach is a brother of County Commissioner John G. Merrbach of Frostburg, Md.

## DOCTORS MET AT ROCKWOOD.

The Somerset County Medical Society held the regular October meeting at the Rockwood House in Rockwood, on Tuesday of this week.

Business of importance occupied all the time of the two sessions, business for the best interest of the Society and therefore of business that is for best interest of the sick being transacted.

Between the sessions "Davy" Wolfensberger's chicken and waffles and other good things were sampled and orders for the same were duplicated, but up to the time of the departure of the trains none of the members needed a physician.

Officers for the year 1914 were elected as follows:—President, Dr. G. C. Berkheimer of Windber; Vice President, Dr. H. P. Meyers of Confluence; Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Mountain of Confluence; Secretary, Dr. H. C. McKinley of Meyersdale.

By action of the Society the office of secretary and financial secretary were combined.

Three new members were received at this meeting. The prospects for increased membership seem to be good.

There are only about twelve physicians in the county not yet enrolled. They could not place their names upon a more honorable roll and their friends should encourage them to do so.

## PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Dr. Bruce Lichty presented a complete set of 29 volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica Ninth Edition to the public school library.

Mrs. J. M. Olinger, a History of the Civil War.

Mr. E. M. Beachley, A Universal Dictionary of the English Language in our volumes.

These are valuable additions to the library and are much appreciated by the pupils and teachers.

## CHILD FATALLY BURNED WHILE MOTHER IS ABSENT.

Albert McClemons, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward McClemons of Stoyestown, was burned to death while he and his brother were playing with matches, during the absence of the mother. On her return home Mrs. McClemons found the infant dying on the first floor of the home, having tumbled down stairs after his dress caught fire. Mrs. McClemons left the children in bed while she went to call on a neighbor a short distance away.—Johnstown Democrat.

## WANTS DIVORCE.

Annie L. Fritz of Somerset township, on Friday brought an action in divorce to secure a separation from her husband, William Harry Fritz, whom she charges with deserting her on May 10, 1910. They were married December 24, 1893.

Carrie Gustafson of Windber, has filed a libel in divorce against Theodore Gustafson, who is charged with so cruelly and barbarously mistreating his wife that she was compelled to leave him a year and a half ago. They were married December 25, 1903.

More grist for Somerset's divorce court was furnished when two new proceedings were commenced. The business of the divorce branch of the court of common pleas is growing by leaps and bounds, several cases being brought in every week. It is notable that a large percentage of the parties were married in Cumberland, and it is feared that this fact will tend to make the Maryland Gretna Green unpopular, although there seems to be little ground for such a prophecy.

Because her husband is serving a ten year sentence in the Western Penitentiary for burglary, Susan Albright seeks a separation from Albert Albright. The libellant is represented by Attorney Edmund E. Kiernan. Her husband was convicted in the Somerset court.

Annie E. Patton, of Coal Run, the second woman to ask for a divorce, charges her husband, John E. Patton, with desertion. Her petition was filed by Attorneys Hay and Hay. They were married at Cumberland on March 27th, 1909.

## Nelson's Decision.

When I don't know whether to fight or not, I always fight.—Nelson.

## COURT NEWS.

Michael Rusick, of Hooversville, through his attorney, Alexander King, Esq., has brought suit against the Knickerbocker Smokeless Coal Co., to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged injuries sustained in the mines of the defendant company several weeks ago when he was taken by a fall of rock.

Judge Ruppel on Saturday granted a temporary injunction enjoining the Keystone Coal Company, from removing coal from a 280 tract of land in Elk Lick township, where the company recently commenced the opening of a mine. The restraining order was awarded on a bill in equity in which the plaintiff is Lydia D. Shaw, administratrix of the estate of Henry Columbus Shaw, late of Salisbury, who is represented by Attorneys Kooser & Kooser.

Through Attorneys Hay & Hay, Emil and Mary C. Sweitzer, and Minnie M. Michaels on Saturday secured a preliminary injunction restraining Harvey M. Poorbaugh, and J. C. Martens, from cutting and removing timber from a 65 acre tract of land in Southampton township.

Back of the suit is an interesting history dated back more than forty years. Rudolph Knepperberger in 1872, bequeathed the land now in dispute to his daughter, Elizabeth Martens, wife of J. C. Martens, one of the defendants. She died without leaving a will in 1875, leaving the plaintiffs children, which, it is alleged, gave Martens, her husband, and the plaintiff's father, only a life interest in the property. It is further alleged that Martens occupied the farm until the fall of 1912, when he moved to Westport and later sold the timber on the land to Poorbaugh, the other defendant. Plaintiffs claim that after their mother's death, title to the property vested in them, and that the sale of the timber by their father, was illegal. It is alleged that Poorbaugh commenced manufacturing the timber into lumber several months ago.

The court on Saturday issued a mandamus compelling the officers of the Erie Coal company, operating in Butler county, to transfer 100 shares of the capital stock of that company to Levi DeL, of Butler. DeL bought the stock at public sale when it was sold recently as collateral pledged by the missing Somerset Attorney, Harvey M. Berkeley. Fred Rowe, president of the company, claimed that Berkeley had optioned the stock to him. Ownership of the 130 shares gives DeL a controlling interest in the concern.

The Josiah Long murder case was further complicated on Monday when Mrs. Long filed an answer to her husband's petition to the court for a divorce, in which she denies having been unduly intimate with Carl Phillips, an Italian, who was shot by Long. Long several weeks ago filed a petition for a divorce on the ground that his pretty young wife had improper relations with the man he killed.

It was generally understood that Long relied greatly on the evidence of his wife in defending himself in criminal court in December, but the answer to the divorce proceedings indicates that she will not be the star witness for the defense as expected.

However, there is a vast discrepancy between her divorce answer and her testimony at the coroner's inquest on the body of the dead Italian, when she declared that she had been unduly intimate with Phillips and that he had frequently treated her to wine and beer.

Judge Ruppel on Tuesday made an order relieving Harry Goldberg, the Berlin merchant, from costs amounting to \$250 or more, which had been imposed on him by a jury's verdict at September court. Goldberg was tried for arson for the alleged burning down of his store building to get several thousand dollars insurance. The jury found a verdict of "not guilty, but pay the costs."

Goldberg petitioned the court to relieve him from payment of the costs for the reason that he is an insolvent. He said he was recently forced to pawn his \$15 watch in a Pittsburgh hock shop to raise the sum of \$10.

Goldberg was recently declared a bankrupt and Attorney Edmund E. Kiernan of Somerset, was appointed trustee for him.

## DEAD LETTER LIST.

Lloyd E. Morgan, aged 1 year and six months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morgan, of the West End, died from a complication of diseases. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS.

THINGS NOT FOUND IN THE CURRICULUM.

There are things more important than the three R's which the teacher imparts to her pupils. In most cases they are passed from teacher to pupil without either being aware of them. Whether these things influence the child for good or ill, depends upon the personality of the teacher.

No teacher can help influencing her pupils, but she can determine the nature of her influence. It is not so much what the teacher says and does, as the way she does it, that influences the boys and girls. Many teach one thing and practice another, and the children are quick to notice such discrepancies. They usually consider the teacher an authority on all subjects and adopt her views more readily than those of other people. But let them once catch her shamming and that confidence is largely lost.

It behooves the teacher to be careful of the so-called little things. Her appearance, for instance, should be above reproach. This does not mean that she should be dressed in the height of fashion. It merely means that, first of all, she should be clean and neat, and her teeth carefully brushed. A plain neat dress is the only suitable garb for the school room.

A certain teacher once made a habit of wearing old party dresses to school. There was much lace and trimming, and many pins adorned her fingers. Her hair was done in puffs and frizzes, with evidences of haste. The dress also showed carelessness, being imperfectly buttoned. She said the children just loved to see her wear nice clothes. They did. There was an epidemic among the girls for bracelets and chains, lockets, and gaudy fineries of every kind. Dress altogether unsuited to school, became the desire of every girl.

Now there is a happy medium for the teacher. She can be dressed attractively and appropriately at the same time, but neatness and cleanliness are always demanded.

Very often we see pupils lounging in their seats, studying carelessly, or leaning on the desks. Admonition accomplishes little in remedying these evils unless accompanied by a good example on the part of the teacher.

It seemed a fad a few years ago for teachers to speak so low that pupils could scarcely hear them. It was once the writer's privilege to visit a class room in which the teacher used that particular kind of delivery. In as much as the pupils could not hear what the teacher was saying, they interested themselves intensely in the pictures on the walls, the clock, and the scenery on the outside.

The teacher should speak distinctly enough to be heard, without raising the voice unpleasantly. Quiet, clear, distinct tones should be cultivated.

One of the most important habits for the teacher to acquire is promptness, not only promptness in opening school, but promptness in calling and dismissing classes. If the teacher is careless in this matter, pupils also soon acquire like habits of tardiness.

A teacher who is fair in every dealing with her pupils, is impressing a more lasting lesson of honor upon them than in anything she can say upon the subject. Sincerity and sympathy give her a great influence over her pupils and tact helps her to keep it.

It is the teacher's personality—her every day living, what she does and thinks, and the way she does and thinks—that determines the nature of her influence upon her pupils.

## THE LADIES AUXILIARY HAVE OPEN HOUSE—AN INTERESTING OCCASION.

The ladies auxiliary of the Meyersdale Fire company gave an interesting and novel banquet in the Firemen's hall on Friday evening. It happened that on the evening selected there were a great many other attractions in Meyersdale, and the girls from Reno were in Donges' Theatre that night, and that the attendance was not as large as the occasion merited. This was the first attempt in that direction by the ladies auxiliary and they made a splendid success. A cordial welcome was extended to all.

Three large banquet tables were spread and many good things furnished for the inner man. After that part had been faithfully attended to, the flow of reason, wit and eloquence followed. W. S. Livengood was the toastmaster on the occasion and filled the responsible position very admirably.

He introduced His Honor, Burgess J. F. Reich, who responded in his usual happy vein. A. M. Schaffner, Editor of the Commercial, James Campbell, the present and past chiefs, W. P. Diveley, Miss Mary Saylor, and many others responded with words of encouragement and good will. About seventy-five persons were present.

Here we might add, to which attention has been called time and again, that the town should interest itself sufficiently to establish a good reading room and gathering place for the Firemen, and it seems a good work for the Ladies Auxiliary would be to solicit funds and get the room in order that it may be servicable to the Firemen and a credit to the town.

## A FORMER MEYERSDALE GIRL MARRIED LAST WEEK AT JOHNSTOWN.

Miss Theima M. May, formerly of this place, was united in marriage to Lester G. Orris, of Johnstown, at the Willow street United Evangelical church Thursday of last week at 5:30 o'clock, by Rev. N. C. Milliron, a relative of the bride. The wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents, on 422 Napoleon street. Rev. and Mrs. Milliron, being among the invited guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Orris, will reside in Johnstown, the groom being an employe of the Cambria Steel company.

## ON A VISIT.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kemp and three sons, formerly of Boynton, but now of Norfolk, Va., spent several weeks on a visit to Somerset county friends. They enjoy life in the "Old Dominion" and are prospering. They spent last Friday at the home of C. E. Boyer and left in the evening for their southern home.

## RECENT MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

Miss Magdalene Lyons, and Dr. Ira Coleman McCue, both of Boswell, were married at the parsonage of the Stoyestown Lutheran church, by Rev. J. S. English.

Miss Margaret J. Blough, and F. E. Stayrock, both of Conemaugh township, were married at the court house by Marriage License Clerk Bert F. Landis.

Miss Nellie J. Moscoolder of Milford township, and Luther Ferrel, of New Centerville, were married at Glade Lutheran church parsonage, by Rev. J. Edward Lowe.

Miss Orpha C. Maust, and Stewart Rodamer, both of Elk Lick township, were married at Springs, by Rev. N. E. Miller.

Miss Mary Cecelia Brancher of Somerset, and Robert R. Picking of Victoria, B. C., were married at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. S. G. Buckner, pastor of the Somerset Christian church.

## SERVICE AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Lord's Supper, will be administered in Zion Lutheran church next Sunday (October 26th) morning and evening. The preparatory service will be held Friday evening (October 24th) at 7:30 o'clock.

## THE GRIM REAPER

CLAYTON SHOBER.

The funeral of Clayton Shober, who was instantly killed Friday night of last week by a fall of rock in the Allegheny mine of the Consolidation Coal company, was held at the late residence of the deceased in Brothersvalley township, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was aged about 35 years. He leaves to mourn his loss, a widow and six children.

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Miss A. D. Boose, Frank Norris, Chas. Mull, card; A. C. Meyers, Ed. Sunderland.

Oct., 16, 1913, J. F. NAUGLE, P. M.