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REV. NEELD ADDRESSES PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The Advantages of a Library in the Public Schools

There are those who are of the opinion that a library is a luxury and not a necessity; but it will be the purport of this address to show the reverse, that a library is a necessity rather than a luxury. We shall consider the thing from three standpoints: first, the teacher, second, the pupil, third, the republic.

The teacher who is ambitious wishes to do more for her pupils than just carry them through the curriculum. She is awake to discover opportunities of giving her students enough collateral reading to illustrate and enlarge upon the text book used in her class. Unless she is thus doing more than the minimum requirement she stunts her own life. In order to give herself scope, therefore, and to give increased zest to her scholars in the study of any particular subject a library of select works is an indispensibility.

The public school has an inside understanding of the lives of the boys and girls at two of the most critical periods in their lives, those between fourteen and fifteen years and between sixteen and seventeen. The first period is the awakening of the sexual consciousness, a power in life which can make or mar the character of a youth. It is very important that a boy's or girl's first impressions of this new life be noble, clean and pure. Nothing can be more destructive of high ideals than the reading of cheap magazines and newspapers and books which seductively spread a philosophy of life that more than anything else is debilitating the ideals of our young people on the subject of love and marriage. The placing in the hands of the youth such literature as the romances of Walter Scott, the poetry of Tennyson and Milton and Shakespeare is not a luxury but a matter of imperative need.

The second period of life, between sixteen and seventeen, is the birth within consciousness of the desire for power. This is healthy and normal. It may be creative of great good and of great evil. A boy or girl who goes through this period without reading the lives of some of the heroes of our race such as Gladstone, Lincoln, Brooks, Beecher, Bismarck, Cavour and Garibaldi has not only missed a great deal, but has suffered a positive harm, and a community which does not furnish such biographies to its young will have to answer for it in the day of judgment. The lack of ambition among so many of the boys and girls of today is not altogether their fault. When they were at critical periods in their lives and their whole natures were awake and hungry for the food which feeds a noble ambition and purpose you gave them nothing to eat except what fills the stomach. In later life they show the signs of former starvation.

A library is necessary in the public school to nurture the ideal of our republic. One of the most lamentable features of our day is the illiteracy, ignorance and positive perversion of the moral sense not alone of voters but of those who are sitting in legislative halls and in the congress of our national resources, the increasing complexity of our national problems and the enlargement of our international relationship we have got to have men whose vision is large enough to get beyond their religious sect, their county and state and be able to think on a large scale. How can we produce such men and women unless, in their formative period in life, we give them an extensive literature? And how are we going to give them this literature unless we have a library?

SIX WEEKS HOUSED-UP.

J. J. Holzshu, who sustained injuries which kept him in the house for six weeks by the breaking of the scaffolding at the Reformed Sunday school building, made his first appearance on the streets on Monday. Mr. Holzshu, is obliged to use crutches at the present time.

ROBBERY AT OHIO PYLE

Robbers entered the home of Bert Wolfe, Tuesday night of last week and carried away all of the edibles in the house. Nothing else was taken, the thieves visiting only the first floor. The same night J. W. Chuek's store was robbed of \$205.

INJUNCTIONS GRANTED ROCKWOOD LIGHT FIRM

The Rockwood Light, Heat & Power company has been granted two injunctions. One restrains J. Ernest Miller and C. Arthur Miller, brothers, of Rockwood, from putting in conduits and furnishing electrical current for commercial and domestic purposes to the public in the borough of Rockwood. The other restrains Rockwood Council from granting permission to Miller Brothers to lay conduits and sell electricity.

It is alleged by the Rockwood Electric Light company that such sale of electrical current is in violation of the franchise held by the plaintiff company.

Miller Brothers recently erected a large business block in Rockwood and installed their own electrical plant. It is alleged they propose to furnish electrical current to the Empire Hotel, Leighty Hotel Buckman House, and other business places and residences. The plaintiff company is represented by Kooser & Kooser, of Somerset.

MARRIED AT CUMBERLAND, MD.

Charles Wesley Kennel, of Hyndman, and Laura Wilson, of Frostburg, Md., were married at Cumberland, one day last week.

ENTERTAINED MISS ANNA B. THOMAS.

Miss Anna B. Thomas, of the California State Normal, who gave instructions to the primary teachers last week was entertained at the home of Miss Hester Meyers, on Meyers avenue, Thursday evening by the teachers who graduated at the California State Normal.

The evening was delightfully spent, Miss Thomas giving an interesting account of her trip in Germany and Italy. Reminiscences were told by those present of school days and enjoyed by all.

COURT NEWS.

The second week of October special civil court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge Ruppel and Judge John W. Reed of Jefferson county, presiding. A jury was selected in the cases of John C. Lowry, executor of the estate of A. Newton Tissue and W. H. Zufall of Confluence, against the Connellsville & State Line Railroad company. The plaintiffs claim damages for land taken by the railroad company, the former suing for \$3,500 and the latter for \$2,500. One jury was selected to hear both actions and was sent to Confluence to view the alleged damage.

In Judge Ruppel's court the following cases were continued:—Ideal Epworth Acetylene Co. vs. Judson S. Hartzell's administrator, assumpsit; John E. Bise vs. Albert Beck, appeal by defendant; William S. Stevens vs. Nancy Maurer, trespass; William S. Stevens vs. C. E. Maurer, trespass; George Martz vs. C. E. Carpenter, assumpsit. Settlements were effected as follows:—John M. Hittie vs. H. W. Tidenburg, appeal by defendant; J. B. Davis and Sons vs. Glenn Shaffer, appeal by defendant. A non-suit was ordered in the assumpsit action of Lewis Parkas vs. Frederick D. Godel, and also in a similar proceeding against T. W. Gurley of Meyersdale, in which the plaintiff was Frank W. Muncey of Pittsburg.

In Judge Reed's court four cases against the Connellsville & State Line Railroad company, in which the plaintiffs sue for \$130,000 damages. The plaintiffs are Edward H. Werner, G. E. Kimmel and others.

LIVERY STABLE CHANGES HANDS.

Charles W. Weimer bought the livery outfit from W. M. Kunkle last week. Mr. Weimer will conduct the livery and feed stable at the well known stand and will continue to deliver coal as he has been in the past.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

The young people of the M. E. church will hold a Halloween party in the social rooms of the church on Friday, October 31st. All young people are cordially invited to come.

Hallowe'en games will be played and refreshments will be served and a good time is promised to all.

SALE OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF H. M. BERKLEY AT SOMERSET

The personal property of Harry M. Berkley, Esq., which was found in the missing attorney's office when it was opened by the sheriff on instructions from the court, was sold at sheriff's sale on Tuesday afternoon. The property consisted of office furniture and law books. The sum of \$1,087 was realized. Berkley's personal property found in his late residence was recently sold for \$230 at sheriff's sale.

Many of the books were sold separately in order to get a better price for the same. Considerable laughter prevailed when treatises on collateral securities and commercial paper were auctioned off some of the bidders, jokingly inquiring whether the books showed signs of being used excessively. Berkley, it will be remembered, raised certificates of stock of the Somerset Telephone company of which he was secretary and treasurer, to the extent of over \$100,000. These certificates were then palmed off on non-suspecting banks and individuals as collateral security for loans of money on notes.

Nothing has been heard from Berkley since he absconded.

COUNTY AND STATE TICKET.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.
James Alcorn.....Philadelphia county
Webster Grim.....Bucks county
John J. Henderson.....Crawford county
John W. Kephart.....Cambria county
CORONER.

Henry S. Kimmel.....Democratic
Henry S. Kimmel.....Washington
Henry S. Kimmel.....Republican
Henry S. Kimmel.....Socialist
Henry S. Kimmel.....Prohibition

DIRECTOR OF THE POOR.
J. C. Deitz.....Democratic
J. C. Deitz.....Washington
Joseph J. Snyder.....Republican
Bert F. Brown.....Socialist
Perry U. Miller.....Prohibition

JURY COMMISSIONER.
S. P. Brubaker.....Democratic
S. P. Brubaker.....Prohibition
Josiah W. Pile.....Washington
John G. Bender.....Republican
George W. Shaffer.....Socialist

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A delightful birthday party was given Miss Margaret Wilson, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, at their home on Large street, Friday evening of last week, in honor of her fourteenth birthday. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing games and a delicious luncheon was served.

Those present were, Misses Edna, Carrie, Margaret Saylor, Pearl, Clara, Harding, Stella Baer, Edna Wagner, Mary Hoover, Florence Baker, Nell Hady, and Rebecca Close, of Cumberland, Md., Messrs. James Reed, Clyde Saterfield, William Diener, Garrett, Frederick Collins, Dalton Reiber and Ray Leckemby.

KICKED BY A HORSE.

Peter Weimer of Broadway street, was kicked on Saturday by a horse on his collar bone which was fractured. Mr. Weimer took water to the stable for the horse, and it is supposed that while going in the stable he accidentally spilled some water on the horse, which scared the horse, when he kicked, with the above result. Mr. Weimer is getting along well and suffers very little pain, except when he is compelled to cough, and then he suffers much pain.

MEYERSDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Attendance for month ending Oct. 24, 1913
Senior, 87 percent.
Junior, 95.5 percent.
Sophomore, 96 percent.
Freshmen, 98 percent.

TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBIT

The State Department of Health is showing tuberculosis exhibits in the basement of the High school which have been inspected by many people. Last evening a lecture was given in Donges Theatre for the school children. This evening the adult population of town will be treated with a picture display and lecture.

REFORMED SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the new Sunday school building of the Amity Reformed church. The plastering is finished, the basement is concreted, the heating plant has been placed and radiators connected, the wiring has been finished, windows have been placed on the first story and concrete walks laid around the building. The carpenters are now at work on the interior and they will push the work rapidly as possible. The date has been set for the formal opening of the new building, on Sunday December 14th, when prominent church men and Sunday school workers are expected to help make the occasion an interesting and profitable one. All who have had an opportunity to inspect the building pronounce it a model building for Sunday school work. When completed the building and equipment will compare favorably with any in the state.

MARRIED AT WEST SALISBURY.

Miss Nellie G. Proorbaugh, of Glencoe, and Elmer McKenzie, of Sand Patch, were married last week at the Catholic parsonage, West Salisbury, by Rev. Father George Quinn.

CALL EXTENDED TO REV. J. A. YOUNT.

Rev. J. A. Yount, who for several years has been pastor of Zion Lutheran church, has received a call from St. Paul's Lutheran church, at Uniontown.

DIED NEAR SOMERSET.

Edward Shafer, aged 32, died at his home near Somerset, Monday night, of pneumonia.

He was formerly superintendent of the Consolidation Coal Company's mines at Acosta, moving to his farm about a year ago. He was a son of ex-Recorder of Deeds, John S. Shafer, of Somerset.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Georgia Eicher Shafer, and two daughters, Ione and Martha. He is also survived by one brother, Donald C. Shafer, of Pittsburgh and one sister, Miss Laura Shafer, of Cumberland, Md.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Misses Nelle and Kathryn Leonard, spent several days of the past week with friends in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Wilson C. Beal, returned home from Johnstown, where she had been during the death and funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Oliver Courtney.

Miss Ida Pfahler, spent a few days of this week with friends in Cumberland, Md.

Miss Mary Thornley, was a Rockwood visitor with friends Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kemp, of Pittsburg, are guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spence, of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Housel, left today for Bedford, to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. George Benford, spent Tuesday in Cumberland, Md., with her husband, who is in the Allegheny Hospital, where he is recovering from a serious operation.

Mrs. Clinton Christner, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Ed. Baldwin, of Berlin, were guests here Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin, of Large street.

Miss Nan Hocking, returned home Monday evening from a three weeks visit with relatives and friends at Pittsburg and Beaver, Pa.

E. R. Floto, and daughter Estell, of Connellsville, were Sunday visitors here with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shipley, of Meyers avenue.

Miss Georgia Coleman, who had been spending several months here with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Bittner, of Main street, returned to her home in Uniontown, Friday evening of last week.

Miss Maud Hady, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with relatives and friends at Somerset.

Miss Evelyn Truxal, spent from Friday until Sunday evening with her sister, Miss Rebekah Truxal.

C. A. Walker, of Johnstown, was a business visitor here Saturday.

THE GRIM REAPER

MRS. T. A. MCKENZIE.

Death has hurled his shaft and hit a shining mark. Such was the general feeling when the community was shocked with the sad intelligence this morning that Mrs. Emma Countryman McKenzie, wife of T. A. McKenzie, had departed from this life to the great beyond, from whence no traveller returns.

The summons of the young woman was so sudden and the blow so heavy that the young husband was crushed and broken hearted in the calamity, which overwhelmed him on the threshold of family life. The story of her life is brief, born March 19th, 1891, married August 4th, 1912, and died October 30th, 1913.

In this life, which ebbed out, in a period of 22 years, 7 months, and 11 days there are associated hallowed memories of a young woman, who was held in the highest regard by all who knew her, and it can be justly said, "none knew her but to praise." She is survived by the following:—Her grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Staub, parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Countryman, one brother, John, and her husband, Thomas A. McKenzie, of the firm of McKenzie & Smith.

She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment in the Union cemetery.

PETER WEIMER

Peter Weimer, of near Deal, died yesterday of Bright's disease. He was aged 81 years 9 months and 23 days.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Sophia Weimer and six children as follows:—H. L. Weimer, Carlton, Neb.; Mrs. A. Q. Housel, Deal; Theodore Weimer, of Larimer township; Elhora, at home; Mrs. Calvin Suder, Meyersdale; J. Calvin Weimer, South Dakota; 23 grand children, and 16 great grand children.

Mr. Weimer had been a member of the Reformed church for more than sixty years and for many years had been honored by the congregation in holding the office of either deacon or elder. At the time of his death he served the congregation in the capacity of trustee.

The funeral service will be held in the White Oak Reformed Church on Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. His pastor Rev. A. S. Kresge, will officiate.

MRS. HOYLE.

Mrs. Hoyle an aged lady who made her home with Samuel McAtee and family on Broadway was buried in the Union cemetery on Wednesday morning. Rev. J. A. Yount officiated.

Albert P. Hillegass, of Allegheny township, died Saturday at 10 p. m. from a complication of ailments. He was 73 years old. He was a son of the late Peter R. Hillegass, one of the pioneer tavern keepers in Somerset county. One brother and one sister survive, as follows:—Samuel Hillegass of Juniata township, Bedford county, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sater, of Beuna Vista, Bedford county.

DIED AT CONFLUENCE.

Miss Carrie Watson, die. at her home in Confluence, Monday after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. She had been in poor health for several years but her condition was not serious until about three months ago.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson, and was born and reared near Somerset. The family moved to Confluence about nine years ago and was employed in A. G. Black's departments store for several years. She was a member of the Christian church. Her mother and one sister, Mrs. Mary Glover, of Markleysburg, and one brother, Frank Watson, of Morgantown, W. Va., survive.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Hopkins, assisted by Rev. Boyer, of the Lutheran church. It was a very impressive ceremony. The choir rendering the beautiful hymns, "Lead Kindly Light, She's Gone, and Shall we Meet." Interment in Addison cemetery.

Pallbearers were—Bruce Dold, Fred Marquart, Edgar Parnell, and George Phillippi.

Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hanna, of Salisbury, were town visitors Monday, with friends.

ARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORTH WHILE?

There have been discussions in times past, as to whether the public schools fulfill the mission of preparing children for life's work. Much of this discussion and criticism comes from those who look upon the utilitarian phase of things. In as much as many of the critics are sincere in their interest, their frank assertions and honest opinions are to be encouraged. Many valuable suggestions are in this way brought before our educators—suggestions that frequently help to solve knotty problems with which the school master has been wrestling.

Do our schools fit boys and girls for every day life? Yes, and no. The different systems of education in use today, have for their aim the development of men and women of good, strong, character, the storing of the mind with such knowledge and ideals as will fit each one to perform creditably all the duties, public and private, that devolve upon him. Such a purpose, if fulfilled, will enable the individual to lead a clan, honorable life, to do his share in the work of the world, to make his own living, to appreciate and enjoy the things he finds about him. The factors in producing such an education are the home, the school, the state, and the church, and each must carry its share of the work, or the education is defective to that extent. It follows that unless the work of the school is properly supplemented by the other three factors, it will fall short of preparing for complete living.

It should not be the idea of the public schools to turn out merely wage earners even though many of the more radical seem to have taken that as the ideal. Under the present rapidly changing social and commercial conditions, no one can foretell in advance how to adapt each child to his own individual work. Even the critics do not agree among themselves as to a wise plan of procedure. This being the case, the wise course seems to be to educate in the fundamentals, to teach honesty, truthfulness, kindness, and obedience to constituted authority, to confer an openness of mind that will enable the boy or girl to weigh and consider both sides of a question, to create a proper degree of self control.

Higher than the public schools are technical schools to prepare pupils in their special vocational work, schools designed to cover that period when the pupil is sufficiently developed to consider and begin to specialize in his life work. The public school is not the place for specialization because pupils are not sufficiently prepared nor are they settled in their own minds as to their future calling.

There is a tendency to attempt to cover too much in the present day schools. Instead of overloading, our courses of study might be still more simplified, with the view of doing more thorough work in each department.

Most of the men in active life today have come from the public schools of 20 or 30 years ago. There is no good reason to suppose that the schools will fail to produce strong men in the rising generation.

All the school can do for any person is to make him a good learner and unless he has the ambition and initiative to continue to read and study systematically, he will never be recognized as an educated person. With the start that is given in the public schools, one should continue his education throughout life.

Cloudsley S. H. Brereton seems to have struck the right note when he said:

"The ideal is the production of a citizen with broad ideals, plus capacity, sharpened to the point of craftsmanship. The ideal aim is not to supplant the workshop, but to prepare for or co-operate with it, to produce not mechanical proficiency, but enlightened dexterity."

NEARLY BLED TO DEATH

Harry Shultz, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shultz, almost bled to death while making his way to the home of Newton Mostollar, a half mile away, after he had shot himself in the foot while out hunting Monday near Berlin. The foot was torn in a terrible manner and young Shultz was nearly exhausted from loss of blood and exertion when he reached the Mostollar home. He was taken to Berlin, where the wound was dressed by Dr. Heffley.