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## CHURCH CONVENTION.

### Ministerial Meeting of Church of the Brethren Closed Yesterday.

The Seventeenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Church of the Brethren, convened at Meyersdale, South Side church at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday evening, August 18. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. H. Cassidy, of Johnstown. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Assistant Moderator, Elder Jasper Barnhouse, of Uniontown.

The speakers of the evening were, Elders, J. J. Shaffer, of Somerset, and Elder M. J. Brougher, of Greensburg, Pa. The former spoke on "Our Ministerial States" while the latter discussed "Pastoral Possibilities."

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING 9:00.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder Cleaver, of Rockton, Pa., after which the General Business period, came. Officers for 1915, are as follows:

Moderator, Elder W. M. Howe, of Johnstown, (however soon to be in Meyersdale). Assistant Moderator, Elder J. J. Shaffer, of Somerset. Secretary, Elder M. J. Brougher, of Greensburg. Assistant Secretary, Elder H. B. Knappe, of Saltsburg. Treasurer, Alvin Faust, of Windber.

New members on Bible Institute Committee are Elder W. M. Hawk, who succeeds himself and A. N. Berkley, of Johnstown, who was elected to fill Elder J. H. Cassidy's unexpired term.

Resolution and duty was the theme of discussion of the forenoon.

Ministers of the District and their duty and relation to one another was discussed by Alvin Faust, of Windber.

The relation and duty of other pastors, very earnestly presented by Mr. Cassidy.

The relation and duty of the pastor to other ministers, was discussed by Elder G. E. Yoder.

The relation and duty of the ministers to the church and the church to the minister was discussed by Elder Jasper Barnhouse, of Uniontown, and Mr. Baskins, of Greensburg, Pa.

After some interesting general discussion the morning session closed.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00 P. M.  
Theme: "The Junior congregation." The first subject, "Training for Service" was very ably discussed by S. J. Berkley of Meyersdale.

Prof. J. C. Beahm, of Saltsburg, very enthusiastically presented, "Training the Juniors," while Prof. I. E. Holsinger of Pittsburgh, discussed, "The Social Life."

Elder W. M. Howe, then conducted a very interesting service.

EVENING SESSION 7:15 P. M.

"The Latent Power in the Church." "Our Supreme Need"—G. K. Walker, H. S. Knappe.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Church of the Brethren Sunday school convention, following the Ministerial Meeting is in session. Many delegates are present from all sections of Western Pennsylvania. Enthusiastic sessions are being held, and interesting topics discussed.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20,

9:00 Morning Devotions.

9:15 The Sunday School, its Mission.

9:15 (a) To the community—Lewis Knepper.

9:30 (b) To the world—Meyers B. Horner.

9:45 Business Session. Unfinished Business, Treasurer's Report. Presentation of Front Line Seals and Certificates. Elections of 1915 Officers. Special Offering for District Work.

11:20 Missions. Missions Committee's Report.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00 Praise and Prayer Service.

2:15 Report of District Superintendents.

Orville Roll—Mrs. J. W. Mills.

Home Department—M. J. Brougher.

Teacher Training—L. R. Holsinger.

Organized Class—J. H. Cassidy.

2:45 Mission Study—V. Grace Clapp.

3:00 A Consecrated Life—Elizabeth Horner.

EVENING SESSION.

7:00 Song and Praise Service.

7:15 A Practical Sunday School—T. R. Hoffman.

8:00 Address—H. K. Ober.

## MEYERSDALE FAIR.

As the time of the great Meyersdale Fair approaches nearer and nearer, the outlook for a record breaking fair becomes brighter. Mr. E. C. Kyle is the field man, and every farmer with his wife, sons, and daughters have come to the conclusion that the Meyersdale Fair is the big fall attraction of Somerset county, and as a consequence they are going to enjoy the big event. Mr. Kyle is devoting all his time to the fine points of the fair and nothing is omitted in the way of attendance attractions and the comforts of the people.

Darius Green, many, many years ago dreamed of the flying machine. He experimented, but only managed to fly from the house top to the ground. His experience was painful. We all know about these machines, what a position they are holding in the European war. We all have a knowledge of the reality of the flying machines, but comparatively few have ever seen a real flying machine. Here is the opportunity of seeing Baldwin with his machine flying through space. No one wants to miss that.

Another attraction is the notable company of colored Jubileesingers who will be here. They will be here during the entire fair.

The fair management is noted for its liberality, and this year the liberality will show itself in the way of a Ford touring car.

## FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

MEYERSDALE WELL REPRESENTED.

The great Firemen's Convention held at Connellsville last week, was well represented by Meyersdale. Twenty-four of Meyersdale's brave firemen were present and eight members of the auxiliary.

James Campbell was the chief marshal and captain from Meyersdale. Throughout Meyersdale was a strong contender in the various contests.

The races on Friday afternoon were closely contested and exciting. The hook and ladder race in which the contestants were required to run 200 feet and raise a ladder and have one man mount to the top rung, was won by North Braddock in 28.2 seconds after it had been run over because of a tie with Tarentum. North Braddock's team of sprinters had it all over the other teams but when it came to mounting the ladder in the first race, their climber slipped twice and then barely caught the top rung. Then he claimed he had been interfered with and there was a dispute as to whether the race would be run over or the money divided. The judges finally decided to run it over and North Braddock won. In the first race Mount Braddock and Tarentum each made it in 31 and Meyersdale in 32.3. The prizes were \$50 and \$25.

The hub and hub race, in which no horse was wound on the truck and no connections made, was also won by North Braddock in 22.2 seconds, Tarentum being second 24.2, and Meyersdale third with 26. The prizes were \$50 and \$25.

Failure of the nozzlemen to fully tighten the nozzle cost Meyersdale second prize in the hand hose race, which was won by North Braddock in 27 seconds. Tarentum and Meyersdale each did the distance in 38 seconds but the timers penalized Meyersdale a fifth of a second for failing to attach the nozzle properly. The prizes were \$50 and \$25.

The races were run before only a medium sized crowd, the constant wrangling and delay disgusting many of those who went to see them. The races and officials were annoyed greatly by the usual tendency to crowd on the track as the teams came down the stretch.

The North Braddock team was composed of big raw boned sprinters, most of them wearing spiked shoes.

YOUNG PEOPLE HELD A MOONLIGHT PICNIC.

Miss Catharine Boyer, of Hooversville, was hostess to a number of young folks Friday evening last. The guests included: The Misses, Virginia Snyder, Lillian Holsopple Catharine Boyer, Lottie Meyers, Stella Rodgers, Pearl Geisel, and Ruth Hoover and Messrs. Percy and Grant Blough, George Falkner, James Gardner, Ross Smith, Harry Long and Blake Linck.

BARNHART WINS.

The 100 yard dash that took place yesterday before the game of base ball between Barnhart of Meyersdale and Devors of Garrett, was won by Barnhart.

## Ownership and Management Of The Commercial Change.

With this week's issue the management and ownership of The Commercial changes.

The paper which gave L. A. Smith a unique place in the affections of the people of Somerset county, and which gave Somerset county a peculiar distinction was under my management carefully nursed, and jealously guarded.

More than three years ago I assumed charge of The Commercial. I came with little experience, but with high ideals of the functions of a county newspaper. While these ideals may not have been fully actualized, yet an honest and an earnest effort has been made towards their attainment.

Right here I want to thank the people of Somerset county for the warm welcome they extended and the support they gave me in placing on a firm footing The Commercial which has done so much in the promotion of the public good. True, some have faltered, many have remained, and nearly a thousand new names have been added to the list of Commercial readers. Gradually the old patrons returned, and the younger and newer element of the county came to be Commercial readers. I am glad for the many splendid men and women I have learned to know while here.

My plan is to re-enter the work of the ministry, and with my experience in the field of journalism I believe I have gained a broader vision of the needs of men and possibly learned better to serve them.

I have striven hard to make The Commercial a clean and newsy county paper, and it is indeed a great satisfaction to know that the purchaser is a successful newspaper man, a fine scholar and an affable gentleman.

Mr. Cleaver is progressive in his complete make up and you may expect a live progressive paper during his management. I crave for my readers the generous patronage accorded me, but a wider and broader field of usefulness for The Commercial.

With this issue my connection with The Commercial ceases and the new management will be at the helm next week.

## DEATH'S HARVEST. TROLLEY ACTIVITIES EX-TENSION CONTEMPLATED.

MRS. JOSEPH COVER.

Mrs. Joseph Cover, aged 85 years, of Roswell, was found dead in bed, Monday morning. When Mrs. Cover retired Sunday night she was apparently in good health. Surviving are her husband and eight children.

FRED MENHORN.

Fred Menhorn died at the home of his brother-in-law, Lewis Miller, in Saltsburg on Thursday afternoon, August 13th, at the age of 42 years, 10 months and 29 days after an illness of several weeks.

The ailment seems to have been a start of typhoid fever, which later developed into a complication of diseases, finally terminating in Bright's disease. The remains were taken to Accident, Md., on Saturday morning and funeral services were held in the German Lutheran church at that place on Sunday forenoon and interment was made in the Accident cemetery.

Mr. Menhorn was employed by Cook & Sechler, ever since they started their lumber operations along Tub Mill and was one of their most valued employees. He was a kind hearted man, honest in his dealings and a man of good habits in general. While in Saltsburg he made his home at his sisters, Mrs. Lewis Miller, and made many friends.

Deceased is survived by a number of brothers and sisters, his parents having preceded him to the spirit world. His surviving brothers are, Herman and William Menhorn and Mrs. Lewis Miller of Saltsburg. Mrs. John Burkhardt, West Saltsburg and Henry Menhorn of Elk Lick township. If there are any others your correspondent's informant did not state.

## OFF ON A CAMPING TRIP

On Monday morning T. W. Gurley, began preparations for the annual outing in which he and his family indulge. With a large touring car loaded to its fullest capacity and then a few boys thrown in for good measure, he made his trip to the camping grounds which resembled a European army transport, going to the front. Mr. Gurley and family are camping along the Potomac, near Patterson Creek, about forty miles from here. They expect to spend about a week along the banks of that well-known river.

## MEYERSDALE WINS EXCITING CONTEST.

The Windber team, called the Collegians, and if they are collegians, God pity the college that produces that kind of young men, pounced in on Meyersdale yesterday. Among their number is a bunch of toughs that should not be tolerated in the national game. Perhaps that is their way to display their learning, but conservative Meyersdale does not take kindly to that method. That certainly was a brave act for a cultured young man, to assault the umpire, when the umpire had this back turned and was not thinking of being attacked by a cultured collegian. The young man hoped that he will no better next time.

Meyersdale people do not take kindly to the deficiency in ball playing being made up in fighting the umpire. The lot of the umpire is a hard one, yet the umpire has a few friends when a college man of the calibre of the Windber team makes a cowardly attack behind his back. Ez-burgess Reich showed his loyalty to the home team and so did several hundred others. By the time the melee was over the young man came near landing in either the hospital or the lock up.

Towards the end of the game he showed a better spirit and apologized to the umpire.

Everyone received the worth of his money during the progress of the game. When peace was declared, Miss Roberts began on the grandstand was struck by a foul ball. This too caused a big lot of excitement.

The game of ball was a brilliant one. Both teams played splendid ball fighting tooth and nail from beginning to end. Both batteries worked like clock work throughout the game, while the fielding was sharp, as to the playing, both teams had a bunch of players that know how to play ball. Mr. Hobilizeil was umpire.

The score by innings was as follows: Windber Collegians 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 Meyersdale 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2

## GERMANY'S APPEAL FOR SYMPATHY.

The German Chancellor makes a direct appeal for American sympathy in the following remarkable interview made public Saturday.

"Highly civilized France, bound by her unnatural alliance with Russia, was compelled to prepare by strength of arms for and attack on its flank on the Franco-Belgian frontier in case we proceeded against the French frontier work. England, bound to France by obligations disowned long ago, stood in the way of a German attack on the northern coast of France.

"Necessity, therefore, forced us to violate the neutrality of Belgium, but we had promised emphatically to compensate that country for all damage inflicted.

"Now England avails herself of the long-waited opportunity to commence war for the destruction of commercially prosperous Germany. We entered into that war with our trust in God. Our eternal race has risen in the fight for liberty, as it did in 1813.

"It is with a heavy heart that we see England ranged among our opponents.

"Notwithstanding the blood relationship and the close relationship in spiritual and cultural work between the two countries, England has placed herself on the side of Russia, whose instability and whose barbaric insolence have helped this war, the origin of which was murder, and the purpose of which was the humiliation and suppression of the German race by Russian Pan-Slavism.

"We expect that the sense of justice of the American people will enable them to comprehend our situation. We invite their opinion as to the one-sided English representations, and ask them to examine our point of view in an unprejudiced way.

"The sympathy of the American Nation will then lie with German culture and civilization, fighting against a half Asiatic and slightly cultured barbarism."

## THE GOSPEL TENT.

The Evangelistic Services, conducted in the above tent, located on Saltsburg Street, are to be continued the remainder of this week and probably all of next week also. Definite announcement as to this will be made on Sunday night.

The glad tidings of a full and free salvation is being preached by Evangelists W. J. Armstrong and G. B. Winemiller. Every evening excepting Saturday at 7:45.

## LATE WAR NOTES.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 19.—An engagement is reported to have taken place in Northern Limbourg. An important Franco-German battle is expected.

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 19.—The Cologne "Gazette" asserts that the advance of the German troops, while slow, has not been seriously checked anywhere.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—That the Germans are already in Brussels is a report reaching here tonight. The supreme test between the allies and the Germans will be at Antwerp, to which city Belgium reserves are reported flocking by the thousands.

The war office here says there never was any serious intention on the part of the Belgians to defend Brussels. Instead the plans for the general defense all centered around Antwerp. It was to be the centre of the entire Belgian defensive plans, and if the Belgian general staff has departed from Brussels to Antwerp, it would only be in pursuance of the original intentions.

The Kaiser has made an end of German hesitation. The Germans have begun an attack in force on the Belgian centre at Tienen, which covers Louvain and which in turn covers Brussels. This probably indicates, despite cavalry feints to the north of Namur during the past few days, that the real aim of the Germans is to work around the left flank of the allies in the hope of rolling up their line, a favorite method in German military tradition.

This seems to begin the new Waterloo, opened a little more than 20 miles to the east of the scene of Napoleon's overthrow.

Latest reports indicate that both the organization and the plans of the Germans are as perfect on paper as human ingenuity can make them. The troops are provided with every type of bugle used in the French and Belgian armies, with field glasses, watches, flashlights, and a host of other devices for transmitting orders, English and French uniforms for deceiving the enemy, and time tables, scheduling the stages of their offensive advance.

The German plan, so perfect on paper, counted on no resistance. It relied on an immediately subdued country providing its forces as they advanced. The Belgian defense, combined with a hostile population, starved the German invaders until food supplies were brought by the army.

In the meantime, 100,000 men were compelled to stop fighting for three days and forage for food.

## FIGHT ALONG BELGIAN FRONT.

A general engagement is in progress all along the entire Belgian front. The fighting assumed the proportions of a general battle today.

It is believed that the German movement is direct against Brussels and that the combined armies of the Meuse and the first army of the Meuse are now endeavoring to force the allied center and divide the defending army. The roar of guns can be distinctly heard in Brussels.

Despite denials from the war office the reports that the Belgian forts have at last fallen to the Germans, are being badly battered by the huge German siege guns that eventually were placed in position were related. These accounts agree that the big offensive weapons were mounted they speedily made the chain of forts untenable. In accordance with instructions the Belgian major in command then exploded charges previously placed in position, and demolished the defenses. The Belgians effected a retreat in safety.

## REV. H. S. NICHOLSON TO CHANGE FIELD OF LABOR.

Rev. H. S. Nicholson, formerly of this place, and a brother of W. W. Nicholson, merchant at Vint, has decided to move to Grove City. This following clipping is from the Emelton Herald.

Rev. H. S. Nicholson, of Monroe, who has been pastor of the Reformed churches of the Beaver charge, for ten years, has accepted the unanimous call extended him by the Grove City church and tendered his resignation to the Beaver churches last Sunday. He will begin work in his new field about October first. Rev. Mr. Nicholson has done efficient work during the pastorate which is closing and his friends are not confined to his own denomination. They all regret his departure but wish him abundant success in his new field of labor.

New subscriptions are received any time.