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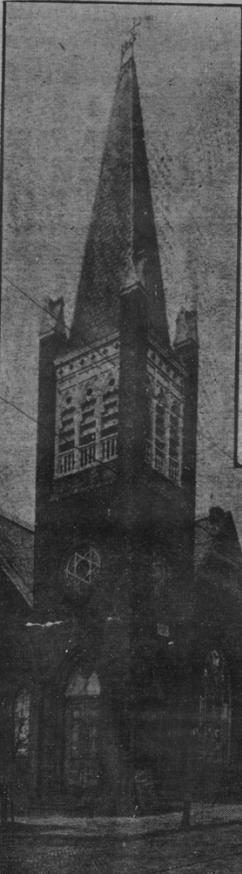
## GREAT EVENT IN HISTORY AMITY REFORMED CHURCH

### Congregation to Rededicate Remodeled and Improved Institutional Structure Beginning on Thursday and Ending Sunday Evening.

#### THE PASTOR AND THOSE MOST ACTIVE IN THE WORK

Beginning with Thursday evening and continuing over Sunday a series of religious and social services are to be held in the Amity Reformed church of this place, which will commemorate the completion and remodeling of an institutional church, the equal of which for commodiousness, and artistic and religious effect are rarely to be found except in our large cities.

The Amity Reformed church of Meyersdale has undergone many changes and repairs during the past summer. The occasion for these changes and repairs was the erection of a Sunday school and social building by the side of the church last summer, a description of which building was published when it was dedicated last December. That portion of the church which was formerly used as a Sunday school room has now been added to the auditorium. The pulpit, altar and choir space has been changed from the west to the north side of the church. The chancel space is under an arch and the ceiling and pews are



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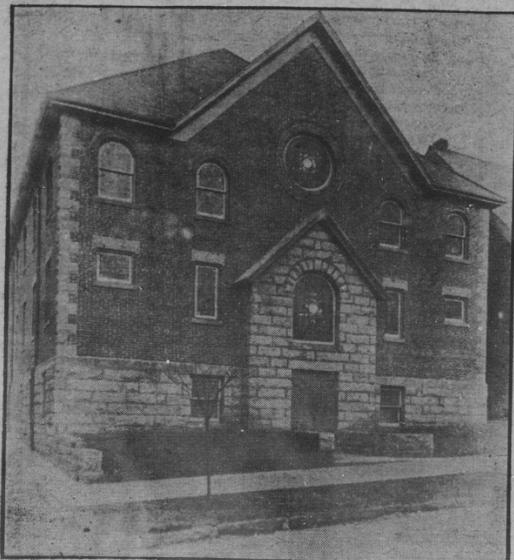
made to center towards it. By the side of it is another arch in which stands a beautiful three thousand dollar pipe organ in front of which is the choir platform. The ceiling has been enriched with exposed beams and panel work leading down towards the altar, and is finished in cream color. The inside wood work, pews and organ are finished in mahogany color giving the whole church a rich appearance.

The floor is covered with a plain rich green carpet; the walls below the

Nine new art glass windows were put in the church, the majority of which are memorials. One is in memory of Rudolph Saylor and wife by their sons and daughters, another in memory of Daniel Baer by the family, another in memory of John Holzbour and wife by their daughter Elizabeth, another in memory of Samuel Foust, a life long faithful member of the church by the church, and a large double window in memory of two former pastors, the Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., late of Grace

is beautiful. A visiting minister remarked that he had seen more expensive churches than this one but never a prettier one. For the artistic appearance of the church much credit is due the chairman of the building committee, C. W. Truxal, who spent days and nights in making plans and specification for the changes to be made and in superintending the work. The committee to which this work was entrusted consisted of C. W. Truxal, president; W. H. Kretchman, secretary; W. H. Haber, treasurer; W. H. Holzshu, W. H. Deeter and H. C. Knerlein.

**HISTORY OF THE ENTERPRISE.**  
At the meeting of the consistory of the congregation in December 1912, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Truxal, submitted the proposition that the work of securing a Sunday school building be undertaken. After a thorough discussion of the subject the proposition was adopted and referred to the congregation for its action. The congregation at its annual meeting on the first of January, 1913 approved of the plan and appointed a committee of 25 with plenary power to act in its name. Committees were appointed, money solicited, and on the first of April



SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING AND SOCIAL HALL

windows are finished in olive green, and above that in still lighter green, all of which with the cream colored ceiling has a mild but attractive effect. On the wall back of the altar painted in oil is a beautiful picture of Christ in Gethsemane, done by the decorator, Mr. Knechtel of Pittsburgh

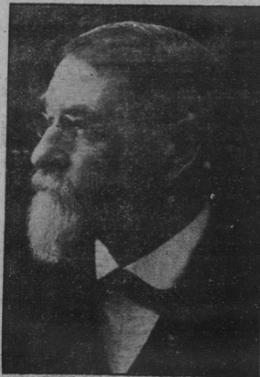
church, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Prof. Wm. Rupp, D. D. late of Lancaster, Pa. In the Dr. Schick window is the image of the apostle St. John and in that of Dr. Rupp, an image St. Paul; the one representing the loving pastor, the other a profound theologian. To the Dr. Schick



W. H. KRETCHMAN, SECRETARY OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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REV. A. E. TRUXAL, D. D., PASTOR.

window, Grace church, Washington, contributed fifty dollars; Zion church of Mercer county, ten dollars, and the First Church of Tiffin, Ohio, ten dollars. In the rear of the church is a door from which a walk leads to Centre street. This entrance is for the pastor and members of the choir. To the right as one enters is a small waiting room fitted up for the pastor and to the left a narrow hall with hooks for the hats and wraps of the choir members. The outside of the church is painted and penciled, so that inside and outside look like a new church. It is not especially costly, but

## THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

On Monday at Garrett, Urbin Stoll, aged two months and 15 days, died and was buried in the R. O. cemetery.

Rosella Kidner, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kidner of Meyersdale, died from cholera infantum, aged two months, on September 10th. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

Arthur Miles, colored, a former blacksmith of this place, died last Friday from Bright's disease, and was buried the following Sunday in Union cemetery. He is survived by a wife. The deceased was a preacher to the people of his own race and was respected in the community.

Mrs. Catherine Shoemaker, died at the home of Dr. Pollard in Garrett, on Monday at the advanced age of 93 years, 6 months and 13 days. The remains were prepared for burial by Undertaker J. E. Reich, of this place and were taken by train to New Bethlehem for interment.

**MRS. WILLIAM H. FARLING.**  
Mrs. William H. Farling died on last Tuesday at noon in the Cottage State Hospital, in Connellsville, following a surgical operation of child birth, aged 29 years, 6 months and 12 days. Mrs. Farling, whose maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Hay, was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hay, living in Black Township who survive her as do also the following brothers and sisters: Lloyd, a farmer of Elk Lick township; Frank, a farmer of Summit; Edward, a teacher in the public schools of Summit Township; Mrs. G. H. Zufall and Mrs. C. E. Miller, of Rockwood and James, John and Leora, at home. Her husband and three children, Iovina, Wilber and Margaret, are also living.

In 1906 the deceased was married to William H. Farling, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farling, of Rockwood and have since resided in Rockwood. Mrs. Farling, from her youth had been a faithful member of the Reformed church, a good neighbor, a devoted wife and mother and respected by all who knew her. The obsequies were held from the home of Mrs. Farling's parents on last Thursday at 2 P. M. which were largely attended and conducted by her pastor, the Rev. W. A. McClellan. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

The family desire to thank friends for their helpful assistance during the illness and death of their lamented wife and mother.

**MRS. FRANK SCHROCK.**  
Mrs. Frank Schrock, of Summit township, died on Friday last and was buried on Sunday, funeral services being held at the Centre church. The deceased was aged 35 years, she was a daughter of John W. Yough, Besides her husband, one little daughter survives. Mrs. Schrock was a devoted member of the Lutheran church.

## MRS. HOSTETLER GIVEN SURPRISE.

On Monday evening, Mrs. J. C. Hostetler, of North street, was decoyed to the home of one of her neighbors, while about a dozen of her lady friends assembled in her home. The unwittingly absent hostess was sent for and the surprise element of the occasion was by no means a failure. That the evening was a delightful one the overflowing of merriment bore strong testimony. Mrs. Hostetler was the recipient of a fine lot of presents. Refreshments were served. Those present included Mesdames J. M. Olinger, W. H. Balkwin, J. H. Bowman, D. A. Friedline, Charles Plitt, E. R. Plitt, Tillie Benford, H. J. Countryman, Louise Slicer, Harry M. Cook, Eugene Hostetler, and Miss Rena Lauver.

## GREAT ORGANIST WILL BE HERE.

Prof. Ebisch, a very able and talented musician, will give an organ recital in Amity Reformed Church, Thursday, Sept. 24, 1914 at 8 P. M.

Prof. Ebisch, who is widely known as a master of music, will prove to the people of Meyersdale and vicinity the quality and quantity of the new pipe organ just installed in Amity Reformed Church. It has many new tone combinations which will be very pleasingly effected by the Professor.

Mrs. Martha Eaton, vocalist of Connellsville, Pa., will render several vocal selections. She has been recommended by people who know good music.

Be sure to hear this high class recital. It is worth many times the price of admission—50 cents.

## SEPTEMBER TERM OF COURT LEGAL MATTERS CONSIDERED

### Judge Ruppel Scores Supervisors for Neglecting to Erect Finger Boards at Crossroads. Henry Cramer Case Comes Up.

The regular September term of criminal court convened on Monday morning at ten o'clock, Judge William H. Ruppel presiding. Edward Smith, the well-known Stoyestown justice of the peace, was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

When the constables made their returns Judge Ruppel called their attention to a recent act of assembly requiring road supervisors to maintain finger boards at cross roads and at points where two or more roads fork. He said the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce has complained to him that this law has been practically ignored by Somerset county supervisors. The court told the constables that the law must be complied with and that they shall notify such supervisors who have not met the requirements of the act. The court stated, however, that the constables shall not hastily bring prosecutions against supervisors, but shall first endeavor by peaceable means to bring about the desired result. Judge Ruppel said though that if necessary to have the hand boards put up it is necessary to institute prosecutions in the criminal courts that this action shall be taken. The court also stated that there is considerable complaint about supervisors failing to remove loose stones from the public highway.

The murder case in which Henry C. Cramer, the well-known Kingwood blacksmith, is charged with killing William H. Trimpey, a prominent "turkeyfoot township farmer," is scheduled for trial on Thursday of this week.

The first case called for trial is that in which the Quemahoning Branch Railroad company is charged with maintaining a nuisance by Emanuel Glosser, a junk dealer. The prosecutor claims that the railroad company built its tracks across East Patriot street in Somerset borough at a grade higher than the grade of the street, and that he is unable to use the street in getting to his nearby war-house. Some new legal phases developed before jury was selected and the case was continued until December court week.

Settlements were announced in the following cases: Mike Rabick, malicious mischief, John W. Pletcher, prosecutor; George W. Yutz, offense against morality, Hettie K. Wilt; John A. Knecht, offense against morality, Thomas J. Wagner; Cassel Jesko, assault and battery, Anastoria Stablonski; Violet Hershberger, assault and battery, Nelson Hoover; John Majka, malicious mischief, Annie Bilick; James Nichol, false pretense, George Spoor; Emory B. Dayton, assault and battery, Edward Horner; Emory B. Dayton and Geo. L. Davis, assault and battery, Frank Laskie; Harry Swartz, assault and battery, Frank Laskie; F. E. Daugherty, pointing fire arms, Stephen Desal; Eugene Livengood, H. E. Saylor, Joseph Hipp, George Hoblitzell, and William Graves, malicious mischief, Gertrude Romesburg; John Ohler, Jr., Charles Ohler, George Ohler and Dora Ohler, assault and battery, Margaret Daugherty; John Ohler and Dora Ohler, assault and battery, Margaret Daugherty; Sherman Logue, pointing fire arms, John H. Ohler; Sherman Logue, Robert Logue, John Daugherty and Margaret Daugherty, assault and battery, John F. Ohler; Jasper May, enticing a female child, Edward Arisman; Samuel Bowers, carrying concealed weapons and threats, Edward Arisman; Milton Firl, offense against morality, Mary Emerick; William Reider, offense against morality, Rosamond R. Moore.

The following cases were continued; Joseph Honza, larceny by bailer, John Hotsko; Lewis Schaffer, offense against morality, Alice Fike. Pleas of guilty were entered in the following cases and sentence will be imposed later: Angelo Pernicini, selling liquor without license, Edward Arisman; Roy Wirick, false pretense, Max Halper; Paul Tote, aggravated assault and battery, Samuel W. McMullen; Frank Crowe, assault and battery, Thomas Crowe; John McKelsa, assault and battery, Joseph Pifek; John Krawok, Alexander Urban, Joseph Walkowicz, and Joseph Jingle, selling liquor without license, County Detective Lester G. Wagner; George Griffith, assault and battery,

George Young; Benjamin Cable, larceny, Tillie Roproski; Benjamin Cable and Frank Lehman, larceny, Samuel W. McMullen. The court appointed Attorney Alexander King master in the divorce case of Daisy Null against Joseph Null. Burgess William H. Wellis committed Guy Gnagy, son of Assistant Postmaster John C. Gnagy, to the county jail in default of payment of a \$5 fine for automobile speeding. The burgess and two policemen claimed that Gnagy exceeded the 15 miles per hour limit. They alleged that he traveled a "square," 264 feet, in ten seconds on one occasion and in eleven seconds at another time. Gnagy claims that he had a new speedometer placed on his car shortly before the arrest and that it registered less than 15 miles an hour. The authorities claim that in traveling at the limit of 15 miles the speed trap is covered in twelve seconds. Gnagy was released on bail a few hours after his commitment to jail and will appeal the case to court. John Neff, through his attorneys Hay & Hay, brought suit against Alvin Barnworth, of Confluence borough, to recover \$500. He alleges that the defendant with force and arms took possession of two horses in Addison township without warrant of law. Sarah C. Dibert entered suit against the same defendant for an alleged similar offense, claiming \$550.

## A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

A very delightful surprise party was given to Mr. Simon Fullen, of Lincoln avenue, September 7th, in being the fiftieth anniversary of his birth.

The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and social conversation which was much enjoyed by all. A delicious luncheon was served.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rishel, and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gutz, and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. "Jack" Bryne, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aurandt, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Groff, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Folk, Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeiffer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tressler; Mesdames William Sperry, Harvey Stahl, Ida Staub, Mary Hoffman, Charles Sanders, Jacob Wasmuth; Messrs. W. H. Klingaman, "Jack" Beal, Guernsey Snyder, Elmer Snyder, John Lieban; Misses Kathryn McKenzie, Mary Langner, Emma Christner, Grace Pfeiffer and Emma Daniels.

Mr. Fullen was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. May he have many more happy birthdays.

## AT WILLIAMSPORT ON BUSINESS.

Rev. A. S. Kresge of this place, who is pastor of the Willis Creek charge, of the Reformed church, left on Tuesday for Williamsport, Pa., to order the pews and the pulpit furniture for the Mt. Lebanon church, which is in course of being remodeled. Mr. Kresge took with him the plans of the Pocahontas church, the corner stone of which is laid a few weeks ago, to ask for bids for furnishing the same.

## REV. MEAD WILL REMAIN IN MEYERSDALE.

Rev. A. G. Mead, who had been attending the Pittsburgh Conference of the Evangelical Association at Cumberland, Md., the past week, returned to Meyersdale on Monday. Rev. Mead has been returned to the Meyersdale Circuit for another year, which fact in itself denies the report that the church had been sold or rented and that Rev. Mead had resigned and preached his farewell sermon last Sunday. Rev. Mead left on his vacation of two weeks during which time he will visit in the northern part of the state. He will return about the first of October, after which time preaching services will be resumed.