

**SALISBURY.**  
A number of the friends of Mrs. L. W. Miller tendered her a surprise on Saturday, it being her birthday. Ice cream, cake, coffee, candy and fruit were served to the guests. A feature of the evening's entertainment was the contest for a "guess-cake," which some one had provided. The cake was won by Clarence Menhorn and all the guests helped the lucky one do away with it. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Burkhart, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Menhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Engle, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Menhorn, Mrs. J. C. Beahm, Mrs. Noah Speicher, Misses Annie and Mary Musser, Theodore and Walter Menhorn and Irvin Burkhart.

Albert Kendall who some time ago had an attack of scarlet fever and was nearly well, took a relapse and is now suffering with pneumonia.

David, the young son of C. S. Lichter, who was taken to the Western Maryland hospital to be operated upon for appendicitis, was brought home Sunday and is recovering nicely. The lad's mother remained in Cumberland while he was in the hospital and visited him every day.

Quite a number of patrons and other friends of education attended the patriotic exercises which were rendered in the Salisbury schools Friday of patriotic songs, drills, class exercises, recitations and essays.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 982, I. O. O. F. attended divine services in a body on Sunday evening in the Lutheran church. The sermon was preached by Rev. L. P. Young. Over sixty members of the local lodge were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Jere Miller, of Berkeley's Mills, were in Salisbury Wednesday and arranged for the purchase of the Wm. Powell property, which they will occupy after having it remodelled.

A four act play entitled "Under the Spell" will be given in Hay's Opera House on Friday evening, Feb. 26, by local talent for the benefit of the Salisbury Orchestra. The following persons constitute the characters: Wm. Petry, Wm. D. Miller, C. M. May, C. K. Rumiser, George Beale, Otto W. Petry, Jonas S. Lichty, Miss Nellie Stadler, Mrs. C. M. May and Miss Charlotte Boyer.

Mrs. P. M. Conner took very sick the fore part of the week and her physician thinks that an operation for gall stones will be necessary.

Lucille, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lowry, has been very sick for several days.

Quarantines were recently lifted from the homes of Victoria Dean, J. H. Menhorn, Harvey Martz and Newin Newman. Those recently quarantined for scarlet fever are Samuel L. Livengood, Urias Brown, and M. D. Thomas homes.

Mrs. Chas. Bills, of Grantsville, was the guest of Mrs. Frank Petry on last Wednesday.

Quite a number of cases of scarlet fever are reported from Coal Run and West Salisbury.

R. C. Dublin, of McKeesport, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Miller and family.

Mrs. Arthur Emerick and son William, of Akron, Ohio, are visiting relatives in Salisbury.

Mrs. Lydia Shaw is visiting her daughter, Miss Helen Shaw at Goucher College in Baltimore and her daughter Miss Ruth Shaw, at Penn Hall, in Chambersburg.

Misses Mina Harding and Miss Elizabeth Reitz went to Uniontown Friday to visit Misses Cherry Brachear and Lenore Crast. Miss Reitz returned on Monday and Miss Harding will remain several days longer.

Chas. Ringler, of Penn Haven is visiting Salisbury friends.

Miss Amanda Martin went to Pittsburgh last Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. James Harding, her brother, John, and other relatives.

James Stall, of West Salisbury has moved to Siegel, Pa.

Dr. Loechel and Floyd Stanton are in Philadelphia this week. The former will attend the dedication of the new dental college at the University of Pa. of which he is an alumnus.

Miss Edith Lichter and two nephews, Rees and Hell Lichter spent last Thursday in Cumberland visiting David Lichter who is at the Western Maryland hospital.

The Aubrey Stock Company who are filling a two weeks engagement at the Donges Theatre in Meyersdale, presented The Woman He Could Not Buy in the Hay Opera House on Thursday night 18th inst.

Miss Florence Maust is visiting with friends in Akron, Ohio.

**SAND PATCH.**

Mrs. William Grimes left Sand Patch on 20th inst to visit her sister at Friendsville, the latter being ill. There are a few cases of mumps in this locality. There some talk of closing the schools for a time.

Mrs. Hutzel and son, Oscar a few weeks ago went to Richmond, Ind. Mrs. Hutzel has returned but Oscar remained there with the intention of getting employment.

We are having nice weather now and some people are talking about going for dandelions.

**ST. PAUL.**  
The home of Francis Sipple was placed under quarantine last week, due to a case of scarletina.

Mrs. Henry Bodes had been confined to her bed by a severe case of la grip. She is improving.

Mr. C. J. Engle continues in a very serious condition from a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Bertha Gephart, of McKeesport was called to her home here on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Fred Weise, the latter now improving.

The St. Paul's schools celebrated Washington's Birthday with appropriate exercises. One of the features of the program was a debate to decide who was the greater, Washington or Lincoln. The decision rendered by the judges on the merits of the debate was in favor of Washington.

Rev. Young preached to his former parishioners here on Sunday, after which an election was held for the selection of a new pastor. The vote taken was made unanimous in favor of Rev. Oney, who is now a student in the Seminary at Gettysburg.

Rev. E. Metzger will conduct services in the Reformed church at St. Paul Sunday, February 28 at 10 a. m. The Sunday School will meet at 9.

**GLADE CITY.**

Mr. Henry Swearman continues in a critical condition.

Fred Graham and William Bittner have opened up a sugar camp at A. W. Bittner's. Their friends certainly wish them success.

Sunday School was well attended last Sabbath, followed by an excellent sermon by Rev. D. W. Michael, of the Meyersdale Lutheran church. Mrs. Francis Swearman is up and about again, following a long period of illness. The neglected sick are now being visited by her and she is able to resume her work in the Sunday School where her assistance was very much missed.

Herbert Harding is off from work owing to a healing on his left hand which has caused him very much suffering.

Lewis Harding returned from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Chas. Good, in Pittsburg.

**ROCKWOOD.**

Miss Nellie Bittner, of Meyersdale, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hauger.

Mrs. Wm. Fetters is with her mother in Bedford county who is seriously ill.

Howard Snyder, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Rockwood and vicinity for the past two months, has returned home to Davenport, Neb. Lewis Sanner returned with him.

O. C. Gates, the well known lumberman of Rockwood, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court at Pittsburgh, giving his liabilities as \$20,081 and assets, \$6,625. Mr. Gates' son-in-law, L. L. Hammersley, was arrested here, Tuesday, for forgery preferred against him by Fred Trimpey, a merchant of Trent.

Chas. E. Younkin has purchased the farm of W. G. Snyder, in Turkeyfoot township, and will take charge of it immediately. Mr. Snyder will purchase the old home farm where his mother now resides. Mrs. Snyder expects to buy a home in Rockwood for her own use.

**WELLELSBURG.**

Mrs. G. A. Tressler is spending a few days with relatives in Meyersdale.

Mrs. A. Glessner is visiting her niece Mrs. Frank Delbrook, of Mt. Savage.

Messrs. and Misses Wm. Ellman, Susan Shaffer, Guy Smith and Eleanor Shaffer, attended the play, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" in Cumberland on Wednesday night.

Harry Cassen of Colmar and Norman Burmay, of near Deal spent Sunday with F. P. Shaffer's.

Mrs. Walter Wingert is spending a few days with relatives in Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lepley and son Victor, of Kennell's Mills spent Sunday with Mrs. Lepley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Delbrook.

Miss Gertrude Paul, of Cumberland spent Sunday in town.

Leroy Shaffer of Pittsburgh, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shaffer.

Chas. Getz, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Wm. T. Kimmell, of Garrett has successfully passed the civil service examination in blacksmithing, scoring a general average of 96 per cent. He has been notified that he is first on the waiting list and expects to be called for actual service in the near future, probably to work on structural work at the river locks in Pittsburg.

Everybody will attend the "Nationally Advertised Goods Celebration in Meyersdale on March 22 to 27.

**MEN'S FEDERATION ENJOY LUNCHEON**

On Friday evening, Feb. 19, the Men's Federation of the Main Street Brethren Church and Sunday School held a delightful luncheon in the social room of the church. The luncheon which consisted of three courses, was prepared and served by the ladies of the Church and was declared by the men to be one of the daintiest and most tasty they had ever enjoyed.

Music and conversation filled in the time until the luncheon was served at 8:15 and after it was over a splendid array of addresses pertaining to the work of the Federation was given. Robert G. Miller acted as toastmaster in an easy and graceful manner. Maurice Clark gave a history of the Federation; H. M. Cook told of the place men are taking in church-work in recent times; N. E. Miller spoke of the contribution religion makes to a man's life. J. C. Hostetler gave an impromptu talk on "Religious Comradeship"; Cyrus Bird spoke on "Enthusiasm" and A. W. Poorbaugh outlined "The Future" in hopeful and vigorous terms.

The pastor, Rev. H. L. Goughnour, gave the closing talk of the evening and then conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year, as this was one of the chief purposes of the meeting. The election resulted in A. W. Poorbaugh being chosen president, Walter Fike, secretary and S. P. Meyers, treasurer. There were 55 men present and all voted that the evening had revealed a superb manner of holding a business meeting.

**WILLS PROBATED.**

The will of Josiah Meyers, late of Holsopple has been probated. He made the following cash bequests:— Eliza Meyers, \$1,000; Rachel Meyers Hoffman, \$200; Lavina Meyers, \$700; He leaves the balance of his estate to his grandchildren, Amelia Foust, Hulda May Foust and Dwight Foust. Albert Foust is appointed executor. The will was dated April 26, 1913 and was witnessed by M. H. Meyers and D. P. Weimer.

J. W. Burkholder, late of Lower Turkeyfoot Township, left a life interest in his entire estate to his widow, Jennie Burkholder, at whose demise the same is to be divided among his children. Charles R. Burkholder and Robert Good are named as executors. The will was dated Feb. 19, 1913.

**FORT HILL.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elcher were attending to business matters in Somerset on Saturday.

Miss Effie Bird, who had been visiting with her brother, Lloyd, for a couple of weeks returned to her home near Listonburg on Sunday.

Doctor H. P. Meyers and Orville Fike, of Confluence passed through here on Sunday.

Wayne Beach was a business visitor to Confluence on Friday.

Lee Bird, of near Listonburg, was visiting his brother, Lloyd on Sunday. George Miller, of Confluence visited his father on Sunday.

The teachers' institute at Paddytown school on Saturday evening was well attended.

It is rumored that there is to be another store at Fort Hill.

**PROGRAM ELK LICK TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.**

The following is the program for the Elk Lick Township Teachers' Institute to be held at West Salisbury, March 13.—

- Song.
- Responsibility of the Teacher—Grace Blough.
- How to Study a Lesson to Teach it—Lester Engle.
- Recitation—Alice Maust.
- Queries.
- Positive Incentives and Negatives of Securing Good Order—Ada Glotfelty.
- Song.
- Home Criticism—Ray Engle.
- Grading and Promotion—Alice Opel.
- Song.
- What Benefits are derived from the Study of Agriculture in the Public Schools?—Maud Hay.
- Paper—Bess Engle.
- Song—

**MAKE SOME BIRD HOUSES.**

Start at once to make some bird houses. Try scattering a few about the premises and enjoy the neighbors that will move into them. One of the most pleasing songsters, that may easily be attracted to a home near the house is the wren. A very small opening should be made in its house to prevent the other birds from using it.

Lewis J. Ort, vice president of the First National Bank, of Midland, Md., formerly of this Co., a man who has been prominent and influential in banking, business and political circles in Maryland for a number of years, lies in a very critical condition at the Western Maryland hospital in Cumberland, a victim of paralysis. There is but little hopes entertained for his recovery. Mr. Ort has been for years one of the Commercial's valued subscribers.

**FARM AGENT OFFERS SEED TESTING DEVICE**

One pint of formalin will control the smut on thirty bushels of seed oats. The family of smuts which affect the farm crops does much damage. According to government reports, the average loss over the entire country to the oats crop is eight per cent. In Blair county this means 20,000 bushels, annually. This loss is in addition to that of the labor, expended in growing this worthless grain, to say nothing of the unpleasant work of handling this useless crop.

The smuts spread by means of spores. It is these spores that make the black cloud of dust that follows one through a badly infected field. They live over winter inside the hull of the seed, and so infect the next crop unless they are destroyed in some way. This can be done by using a solution of formalin or formaldehyde. Use one pint of 40 per cent formalin to forty gallons of water. Mix well and then sprinkle on the oats. The process can perhaps best be used on the barn floor. A quantity of oats is simply spread out on the floor and the formalin solution diluted sprinkled on while the oats is being shoveled over. It should be shoveled over several times while it is being sprinkled so that the liquid is equally distributed. The solution should be applied until about a gallon has been used per bushel of seed treated.

After the seed has been thoroughly mixed, it should be shoveled up on a pile and covered with old sacks or blankets for several hours, or perhaps over night. It should not, however, be left long enough for the seed to germinate. After being covered for the above length of time, the pile should be spread apart and shoveled over from time to time so that the grain dries out. The object of covering the seed before it dries is to hold the fumes of the formalin for it is these fumes which kill the spores of the smut. The barn doors should not be left open or the oats in any other way be exposed so that animals will get at it.

Another method sometimes used is to put the formalin solution in a barrel and suspend the oats in sacks leaving it there for at least ten minutes. This method is practical although the former is usually used. Scab on potatoes can be killed by using a pint of formalin to thirty gallons of water. In the case of potatoes the solution is usually placed in a barrel or some other container and the potatoes suspended for a period of two hours in sacks. This should be done before the potatoes are cut.

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**HARTLEY & BALDWIN**  
Good clothes are like good tools; you can do better work if you know you have the best things to wear or to work with.  
**HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX**  
clothes give you that satisfactory sense of knowing that you have the best there is  
**HARTLEY & BALDWIN,**  
The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes  
MEYERSDALE.

**VINOL**  
BUILDS YOU UP,  
CREATES STRENGTH  
Each and every package is guaranteed to do as represented  
Sold by—  
**F. B. THOMAS, Leading Druggist,**  
Both Phones MEYERSDALE, PA.

**"HENPECKED HENRY"**  
DONGES THEATRE  
Tuesday, March 2nd  
Funniest Show in the World.  
PRICES — 25 — 35 — 50 — 75 cents. Few seats \$1.00



**RITA LAWRENCE AND CHORUS WITH "HENPECKED HENRY"**  
Donges Theatre, Tuesday, March 2nd.  
PRICES — 25 — 35 — 50 — 75 cents; A FEW ROWS \$1.00.

**Application of Paint.**  
Paint should be applied only to a clean and dry surface. Moisture under a paint causes it to blister when exposed to the sun; also moisture between coats has the same effect.

**An Exception.**  
Mr. Jones had been scolding his six-year-old daughter, who retorted: "Don't think, papa, that just because you married mamma you have a right to be rude to all women!"

**When Talk Begins.**  
Hostess—"People are very dull to night, Adolph. I really can't get them to talk." Host—"Play something dearest."—Judy.

**Simple Poison Warning.**  
A good way to mark bottles containing poison is to push two pins into the side of the cork at right angles to each other.

**Daily Thought.**  
Revenge, at first thought sweet, but ter ere long back on itself recalls.—Milton.

2 lbs. Choice Mince Meat for 25 Cts. at Bittner's Grocery.

**Here, Too.**  
The philosopher of the Cincinnati Enquirer says: "When you have said enough, stop talking." But did you ever see anyone who thought he had said enough? Neither did we.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

**Mrs. Bumpweather Explains.**  
"I have observed," says Mrs. Bumpweather, "that when I am extra kind to people they think I am easy-going and take advantage of me. But I can well afford to laugh, because it is perfectly true."

**One Way of Avoiding Germs.**  
There is nothing better adapted for catching germs than gelatin and for this reason dishes containing it should never be allowed to stand about uncovered.

**To Prevent China Chipping.**  
A good way to prevent fine china and cut glass from chipping while being washed is to put an old Turkish towel in the bottom of the dishpan.

**GARRETT.**  
Robin Redbreast has put in his appearance in our burg recently, after a long visit elsewhere.  
J. B. Walker is serving as a juror at Somerset this week.  
Mahlon Christner spent several days last week in Hanover, Pa., where he was looking after business interests. Auto owners are getting their machines lined up for the coming season. Misses Mary Kimmel and Anna Judy attended the local institute at the Gagey school last Friday evening. Prof. H. B. Speicher spent Saturday in Somerset.  
The Meyersdale Electric L. H. & P. Co. has been busy installing meters in our town during the past week.  
M. C. Haer, teacher of Room 4, in our public schools, is serving as juror, at Somerset, this week.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter, who had been spending some time in Ohio, has returned home.  
Donald Craig, of Ralphon, is home on account of illness.  
Meetings are being held each night in the Ev. Lutheran church.