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## BANKING HOURS TO CHANGE

Local Institutions to Make Long Needed Differences in Hours, as is the General Custom.

### OPEN SATURDAY NIGHTS.

The change in the banking hours of our two local institutions effective May 17th, on and after which date they will be from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., was suggested and recommended by the Comptroller of the Currency.

The day's work for the banks has been such that with the present hours they found it necessary to balance the books for each day's business in the early afternoon. Frequently after this period, checks on other banks and deposits of considerable volume are received which should be certainly carried in the day's work, but which must appear in the following day's business as the books have previously closed and it is the desire of the department that each day be a complete unit and as such the banks approve and feel their patrons will do likewise as tending towards greater efficiency and completeness in caring for all details.

Likewise under the new system all mail can be handled before nine in the morning with the work done after closing at three in the afternoon, thus giving an uninterrupted period for handling the counter business—from 9 to 3, which cannot help but be of increased value to the bank's customers, as the employees will then give their entire attention and time to counter work and the routine work can also be done in a more accurate and satisfactory manner after closing hours when uninterrupted from 3 to 5 than it is possible now to do from 2 to 5 when combined with counter work.

The change is following the general banking practice all over the United States. For example Frostburg and all the territory east, with Rockwood, Somerset and the banks on into Johnstown west have been observing the 9-3 hours for years—and we understand Berlin banks will also adopt the 3 o'clock closing hour at this time.

It is the wish of our local banks that their patrons will keep in mind the date, May 17th, with the hours 9-3 effective then and further that both banks will be open every Saturday night thereafter from 7 to 9 o'clock and that their customers will willingly assist in putting into operation a change that is sure to be of increased benefit both to the working force of the banks and their customers.

## RUSSELL ENGLE HAS AUTO WRECK

On Saturday evening at about 8:30 Russell Engle, in company with Theo Engle, Elmer Engle and Norman Zimmerman, while driving his auto along the state road about a mile from town at the cement bridge met with an accident concerning which he can congratulate himself that the party have the right use of all of their physical parts. As he approached the bridge, he was blinded by the light from the auto of Mr. Plack who was coming in the opposite direction. Realizing the dangerous condition of the highway at that point and hesitating between a "turn-turtle" and a deep ditch he trusted to the tender mercies of a cement abutment, which resulted in a general smash up of the fore part of the machine, but fortunately the occupants came off with minor bruises. Mr. Plack assisted the men and the machine back to town, the latter being very reluctant about coming.

**LYCEUM MEETING.**  
A very interesting subject will be discussed at the regular meeting of the Lyceum in the lecture room of the Reformed church to-morrow night by Rev. D. W. Michael, pastor of the Lutheran church.

Every one ought to hear this discussion. It is "The Value of the Beautiful." It has a value far greater than we are at first inclined to think: We will all be benefited by this session of the Lyceum. Let those come who have not enjoyed these valuable meetings and let all those who have been attending keep up their records.

## RECENT WEDDINGS IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

Miss Myrtle V. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Miller, of Friedens, and Harry M. Ogline, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Ogline, of Lincoln Township, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset M. E. Church, by the Rev. Charles F. Bolinger.

Miss Nellie Viola Pyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pyle, and Martin Patterson Critchfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Critchfield, both of Murdock, were married at Rockwood by the Rev. I. Jay Duke, pastor of the United Brethren Church.

Miss Minnie Michel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Michel, and Frank Ripple, both of Jenner Township, were married at Hooversville, by Justice of the Peace Irvin M. Hoover. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Ripple.

Miss Nannie Ora Livingstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Livingstone, and Charles Edward Cable, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Cable, both of Conemaugh Township, were married at Davidsville, by the Rev. Elmer J. Blough.

Miss Ida Belle Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoffman, of Jenner Township and Samuel Moors, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moors, of Boswell, were married at the parsonage of the Jennertown Lutheran Church, by the Rev. Elmer F. Rice.

Miss Edna Repine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Repine, and Matthew Bartholomew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bartholomew, both of Windber, were married at Windber, by Justice of the Peace M. E. Sell.

Jacob Poorbaugh, son of Amos Poorbaugh, who is aged about 14, is having trouble with one of his legs. In playing, he injured one of the knee caps.

## LOCAL ODD FELLOWS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF ORDER

The ninety-sixth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Pennsylvania, was observed by the local body, Dill Lodge, No. 810 by attending divine worship at the Lutheran Church on Sunday.

At seven o'clock the members assembled at the lodge room on Centre street in the Hocking block and clad in their regalia under the command of Past Grand Wardlaw proceeded numbering over eighty, to the Lutheran church.

The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. D. W. Michael. He spoke very effectively upon the financial aspect of the order and the wonderful work that was being accomplished in assisting all of the order or related to the same in distress; and further of the education of the orphans; if these phases of this society were better understood by the public in general, there would be a higher appreciation of Odd Fellowship.

Rev. A. S. Kresge had been asked

### SPECIAL MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORS

A special meeting of the Board of directors of the Somerset County Agricultural Society was held at the court house on Saturday afternoon and plans for the Fair this fall were discussed. The Farm Bureau project was reported favorably on. Its workings in the several counties of the state were given by C. W. Dupstadt, a dairyman of Somerset township. It seems to be the sentiment of the Agricultural Society that if the several other agricultural societies, horticultural Society, Grange, Boards of Trade and other such organizations will assist, a Farm Bureau will be established in Somerset county. All counties in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania have Farm Bureaus organized except Somerset and Greene, and the farmers here believe that a very successful one could be organized in Somerset county.

### GLENCOE WEDDING.

Mrs. Agnes Kuhlman, a daughter of Mr. H. D. Altfather was married to Mr. William J. Robinson, of Raymond, W. Va., Wednesday, April 28 at the "Old Mill" near Glencoe. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. S. Kresge at high noon, after which a sumptuous dinner was served to the invited guests. The happy couple will reside at Raymond.

## ADVANCE GUARD HERE

Representative of Trade Boosters in Meyersdale Saturday Arranging for the Visit of Others.

### WILL BE HERE AN HOUR.

In order to pave the way for their coming, Edward C. Sykes, the advance guard of the trade extension boosters of the Chamber of Commerce, of Pittsburg, arrived on Saturday and called on the city officials and the Club to inform them of the visit of the Pittsburgers to this town. The party of 100 will travel in a special Pullman train of eight sleepers and two diners. It will be hauled by two engines and in some instances three, particularly where the grades are heavy.

The special train bearing Pittsburg's captains of industry will arrive here May 20th at 11:15 and leave at 12:15. The coming tour of the Pittsburgers will be the largest that has ever left this city. In some of the towns that will be visited guides will accompany the delegation to those places of business they wish to visit. Practically every city is providing automobiles for the use of the tourists thus making their visit one of pleasure as well as business, and it is a foregone conclusion that Meyersdale will, as usual, show due hospitality.

The entire party will be out four days and in that time will visit twenty-one towns and cover about 550 miles of territory, all of the towns visited being in western and central Pennsylvania with the exception of Cumberland, Md. The Pittsburg representative said the delegation was anticipating a pleasant visit to Meyersdale.

## MANY DEATHS IN SOMERSET COUNTY

### CONRAD G. LOTTIG,

A German by birth, and remaining in the Fatherland until he was 13 years of age, was one who, following an industrious and successful career, ceased from his labors on April 22. Deceased was aged 60 years, 8 months and 13 days. He was employed for a time as a section man on the railroad and by frugality and thrift managed to buy a farm and later to fit it out in good modern form. He lived in this county since 1877. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Mazer who survives him as do the following children: Mrs. Herman Hersh, Louisa, John, Herman, Addison and Iva. Mrs. Mary Schadt, of Cumberland, is a sister. The funeral services were held at the White Oak Reformed church, Rev. Hostetler and Rev. Kresge officiating. It was one of the largest funerals held in that locality for years. Mr. Lottig died in the faith that death does not end all and that "he knew in whom he had believed."

### MALACHI KELLEY,

One of the oldest and best known residents of Sand Patch died at his home early Saturday morning at the age of 70 years. He was born in Ireland and when quite young came to America, locating at Louisville, Ky., where he remained for about six years, after which he came to Sand Patch. He married Miss Mary Courtney 44 years ago and to this union nine children were born. Mr. Kelley after coming to Sand Patch secured employment with the B. & O. railroad in whose services he remained until about four years ago, when he was obliged to retire on account of suffering with rheumatism and since that time he was on the company's pension list. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Thomas Courtney, Mrs. Thomas Bracken, and John, James and Malachi and Robert Kelley, all of Sand Patch and Patrick, of Acosta, Pa. Two daughters died in infancy and Michael and Owen died several years ago. He was a member of S. S. Philip and James Catholic church of this place where services were held on Monday morning and high requiem mass celebrated by Rev. J. J. Brady.

### SAMUEL BROWN,

An esteemed citizen of Larimer township, died last Friday at the home of his brother, Joseph, in Greenville township, and the body was taken to the home of his son in Larimer township. The deceased was aged 85 years, 11 months and 23 days. His wife, who was Mary Bittinger, preceded him to the other world by eleven years. There survive him the following: John and Simon Brown, of Larimer township; Mrs. Malinda B. Honshell, of New York; one step-daughter, Lila Tayman who lives in Ohio. Mr. Brown had one brother Joseph. The funeral services were held at 2 p. m. on Sunday at the Greenville Lutheran church conducted by Rev. D. W. Michael, of the Meyersdale Lutheran church. A very large gathering of the people of this section of the country bore evidence of the true worth of the departed.

### HENRY SWEARMAN,

A highly respected citizen of Glade City who has been suffering from cancer of the stomach for the past 18 months, died at his home on Sunday, aged 49 years, 9 months and 5 days.

The deceased is survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Ellen Bittner, and the following children: Minnie, Edward, Charles and James; by the following brothers and sisters: Francis, John, Emmanuel, George, Joseph, Mrs. Amanda Hook, and Clara, of this vicinity; William, of Berlin; Mrs. Minnie Geiger, of Connellsville. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon conducted by the pastor of Mr. Swearman, Rev. D. W. Michael, of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Meyersdale. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

### MRS. MARTHA BOWMAN,

Aged 55 years, died Saturday at the Somerset County Hospital. She was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Susan Berkey Bowman and was born at Hooversville. She was a sister of Mrs. Ezra Yoder, of Iowa; Mrs. Amanda Barnhart, of Johnstown; Wm. Bowman, of near Hooversville and Hiram, of Johnstown. The body was taken to Stoyestown for burial in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

### DOG LICENSES.

All dogs running at large in Meyersdale, must be licensed and wear tags procured from Burgess Valentine Gress, and these must be secured before May 1.

All dogs not licensed after May 1st, will be shot and the bodies cremated.

Engineer C. P. Lepley, of the B. & O. R. R. at Somerset was here on Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lepley on Broadway.

## TRYING TO IMPROVE ROAD CONDITIONS NEAR HERE

Leading Citizens Co-operating with Garrett County, Maryland. Commissioner there to Expend \$400 Will Go to Stone House Friday.

### PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE WORK

Looking towards an additional advantage for Meyersdale, a number of the business men of this place have been trying to connect the town with the outside world with good auto thoroughfares. There is a fairly good highway connecting this part of the county with the Pittsburg and Bedford pike but to get from this point to the National pike on the South there is a stretch of road about 7 miles in length beyond Salisbury, half in this state and half in Maryland that acts almost as a barrier to hitherward or thitherward bound cars. To improve these seven miles of road is a worthy end of some of our leading citizens.

On Tuesday evening about four o'clock a party of men were about ready to start for the stone house on the pike beyond Salisbury, and in fact some had already started when a

storm arose which frustrated the meeting which was to have a conference with the Garrett County, Md., commissioner in regard to the contemplated improvement. The meeting is now to be held to-morrow, Friday evening; as this is a matter of public concern, everybody is urged to go to the stone house mentioned above, to be there between five and six o'clock.

The County Commissioner of the Maryland end has agreed to expend \$400 and it is thought that the road supervisors at this end will do likewise; and it is further being planned to raise several hundred dollars by private subscription. Salisbury has taken the initiative in this respect and has a snug sum cornered. It is to be hoped that there will be a large crowd at the stone house on Friday evening. Let everybody go.

## HARTLEY-CLUTTON PIANO CONTEST

Many a battle has been won in the last hours of the day; many a base ball game won in the ninth inning; many a horse race has been decided on the home stretch; many men have achieved success late in life.

Most successes come to the person who is the pluggier, the steady, every day worker, but not all. Sometimes success is just within reach, a little extra effort would more than make the goal, but the spirit of negligence and the feeling of "What's the use?" creeps in and all the previous efforts—the hard work and worry count for nothing. Are you going to throw up the sponge now, to disappoint the friends that have been working for you during the past five months, or are you going to resolve to win and get the congratulations of your friends? You are now on the home stretch, the last ditch of the Piano Contest. The votes for you will come much easier now than they did a month ago—all that is needed is for you to go after them. RESOLVE TO BE A WINNER.

The Special Weekly Silverware premium goes to a member of Club No. 16.

The following is the standing of the Contestants at the close of week ending April 28:

4	1,495,145	10	2,729,195
22	2,283,146	28	514,610
33	186,545	38	6,844,310
40	1,745,950	62	12,318,734
73	1,849,015	151	263,415
153	148,375	157	4,343,855
159	283,135	161	10,028,923
162	459,660	163	323,430
165	423,990	178	422,485.

### THEIR LITTLE ONE TAKEN.

Word was received here Sunday morning that John Wade, the three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ramstead, of Mannington, W. Va., had died Saturday afternoon of meningitis and pneumonia. The announcement came as a shock to Mrs. Ramstead's many friends as she had only left here with the baby the Monday previous, having spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Daily. The little fellow, who was a splendid boy, seemed then in perfect health. This is their only child and the sympathy of their Meyersdale friends is certainly extended to them in this their sore bereavement.

### CIVIC LEAGUE.

Next Thursday, May 6th, the regular monthly meeting of the Civic League will be held in the Council Chamber at 2:30 p. m. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance as there is much business to be transacted. All of the ladies who solicited orders for seeds and shrubbery are requested to be present and make their reports. There are still a few packages of seeds in the hands of the secretary and any one wishing more can have them by calling on Miss Jessie McKinley.

Remember that the league is offering prizes for the improvements in lawns and for the best display of flowers, so get busy and try to be one of the winners.

## LARGE WEDDING NEAR BERLIN

Last evening at 7 o'clock an unusually pretty nuptial event took place in the Hay's Reformed Church when Miss Lydia Viola, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hay, of Brothersvalley township, was united in marriage with the Reverend William Harrison Bruce Carney, pastor of the Garret Lutheran Church charge.

The church, which was decorated with pink and white carnations and ferns, was filled with about 600 friends of the bride and groom. The beautiful ring ceremony of the Reformed church was used and the Rev. B. K. Hay, of Mt. Jackson, Virginia, a brother of the bride officiated. Another minister brother had been expected, Rev. Ellis Hay, of Chicago but had been unavoidably detained and Rev. H. H. Wiant, pastor of the church and Rev. L. R. Young, of Elk Lick, assisted, the latter being Missionary Superintendent of the Allegheny Synod.

The bride wore a handsome gown of white crepe meteor and veil. The maid of honor, Miss Jessie Virginia Carney, a sister of the groom, was attired in an exquisite pink crepe de chine gown. The groomsmen were Rev. E. B. Boyer, of Confluence, who has recently been appointed missionary to Amsterdam in British Guiana. The four little flower girls, Misses Rosana Gumbert, Clara Hay, Elizabeth Haer and June Nedrow, represented the four congregations of which the groom is pastor. The ring bearer was Miss Sallie Hay niece of the bride. The ushers were Erie Christner, Hubert DeVore, Erie Walker, Henry Smith, Dr. J. A. Carney and Homer Hay. The organist, Miss Erma Hay, played during the assembling of the audience and later the wedding march by Hosmer and at the close, the Recessional by Mendelssohn. Miss May Walker, a student of the Susquehanna University, sang in a charming manner the beautiful selection by Burleigh, entitled, "O Perfect Love." A quartet was also given "Whither thou goest, I will go." After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, about fifty of the near relatives and friends being present. A sumptuous wedding feast was served.

The bride is a highly accomplished lady; is a graduate of Mt. Hood College Frederick, Md. and has taken post graduate work in music. She was organist in the church where the wedding took place. Rev. Carney is one of the prominent and highly esteemed ministers of the county. After an extended wedding trip to Eastern cities they will be at home in the Lutheran parsonage, Garrett.

Those attending the wedding from a distance were the following: Mrs. John Archey, of Lewistown Pa.; Mrs. L. I. Axe and Miss Hulda Stricker, of Belleville; Mrs. Frank Zimmerman of Springdale; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith of Lancaster, Md. Those from Meyersdale were Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Glessner, Miss Ella Glessner Mr. and Mrs. Peter I. Glessner uncles and aunts of the bride.