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## 200 ENTHUSIASTS AT COUNTY GOOD ROADS MEETING

Twenty-Seven Districts Represented and All Pledge Themselves to Earnest Effort for May 26th. It has been Decided to give Townships Most Attention.

### EVEN THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE A DAY'S WORK.

Meyersdale's representatives at many counties that can boast of better roads, he said. The Good Roads plan, as to how the work is to be done, etc., was explained by W. Curtis Truxal, Secretary of the Somerset Board of Trade, who has given the subject considerable study. He said that each township should have a committee of eight, including the three supervisors, and each borough a committee of five. The chairmen of these committees were selected by a central committee named below, and endorsed by the County Commissioners. The members of the various committees will be appointed by the chairmen, who are as follows:

Addison, Harry Hanna; Addison Boro, Tom E. Null; Allegheny, W. H. Zimmerman; Berlin, J. O. Ream; Boswell, C. S. Ickes; Black, Noah Pritts; Brothersvalley, J. M. Shober; Casselman, Harry Heyl; Conemaugh No. 1, Moses Weaver; Conemaugh No. 2, John G. Blough; Conemaugh No. 3, Herman Thomas; Confluence, H. P. Meyers; Elk Lick, J. H. Bender; Fairhope, Henry W. Ware; Garrett, Chas. Fritz; Greenville, Dr. F. E. Saxe; Hooversville, J. E. Custer; Jefferson, J. W. Barclay; Jenner No. 1, J. W. Griffith; Jenner, No. 2, R. W. R. W. Lohr; Jennertown, L. W. Van. Continued on 3rd page.

## CHAUTAQUA PRELIMINARIES

Preliminary to a meeting of the Meyersdale Chautauqua Association on Tuesday evening at the Lyceum, the quartette of the Association, consisting of Messrs. Cook, Baldwin, Clutton and Clark with W. H. Deeter as director and Ware Deeter as chauffeur, with faces in ebony and in white suits, in an auto, traversing the streets of the town, made the citizens aware that something was a doin'.

The president of the Association is Mr. E. C. Kyle and the secretary is Mr. H. M. Cook. The chief work was the appointment of the various committees with the understanding that they were to be active committees in the most earnest sense of that term.

The following are the several committees:—W. S. Livengood, K. Cleaver, R. D. Pflaher, G. W. Collins. Arrangements—W. H. Deeter, J. F. Reich, R. H. Philson, S. W. Bittner, John Weimer, Oscar Gurley. Finance—Chas. Griffith, P. D. Clutton, J. M. Gnagey. Decoration—Clarence Moore, F. N. Shipley, Fred Wilmoth, W. H. Holzshu, A. W. Poorbaugh.

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY.** You—Mr. City Man and Mr. Man in the Small Town, the Commonwealth expects YOU to do your part on the "State-wide Good Roads Day." Don't be afraid to take off your coat, roll up your sleeves, pitch in and work. You will get blisters on your hands and sunburn on your face, but don't be afraid, it won't hurt you; it will do you good.

If you have not joined your county association to aid in making the day set aside by the governor of the state successful, hustle around and do it. Do it now. Don't write, don't send word by a neighbor that you will be there, but hunt up the man who is getting the crowd together and tell him you will join it. Call him up on the 'phone. GET BUSY.

**CARING FOR ORPHANS.** Poor Director J. W. Pecht and wife went to Fairhope, last Saturday, bringing back with them two orphan children, Hewy and Blanche Beck, aged two and five years respectively. They were placed in the Amish-Mennonite home at Grantsville, Md. These good people have established a home where they care for a number of poor children until desirable homes can be secured for the unfortunate ones. Hewy and Blanche are bright, intelligent looking youngsters and with the proper food and attention will grow into useful manhood and womanhood.

## BOOSTERS HERE NEXT WEEK

When the train with the members Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburg pulls out of that city on May 18th on visit to this town, to arrive here at 11:15 a. m. May 20th, it will have on board 111 participants representing 79 manufacturing, jobbing and banking concerns of the steel city; many of them being the foremost leaders of the business life of Pittsburg. It will be the largest delegation of business men that has ever left Pittsburg on a similar mission.

The party will travel in a special train of seven Pullman sleepers, one administration compartment car carrying the officers of the Chamber of Commerce and the city's official representative, Councilman Robert Garland, who is also vice president of the big trade body; President David P. Black, of the Chamber of Commerce, a corps of star newspaper men representing all the daily papers and other guests and two dining cars, where the best that nature produces will be served to satisfy the hunger of the travelers.

While the train which will be composed of all steel red Pullman palace cars is side tracked here it will be possible to inspect it only when accompanied by members of the party from the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce. Each participant will have a section in each sleeper to himself. Pittsburg's business men are coming here not to solicit business from our merchants, but to have a better business understanding and all indications point to the delegation receiving a rousing reception.

### YOUNG MAN ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

A jury at Cumberland a few days ago, acquitted Dallas Murray a former resident of this place, on the South Side, accused of manslaughter, in the death of his brother-in-law, Wm. Swarner.

Murray, in attempting to protect his sister, Mrs. Lottie Swarner, when her husband, a big man of 200 pounds hit her with his fist, struck Swarner over the head with a beer bottle, killing him instantly. The young man testified that he had no intention of killing the man.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED.

A Sunday School was organized at Pochontas last Sunday, May 9, with the following officers: Supt. Jonas Layman; Asst. Supt. Miss Ellen Lint; sec'y William Snyder; treas. Lutz; organist Mrs. Annie Baker. 65 scholars were enrolled. Church re-opening at Mt. Lebanon Sunday, May 16. Rev. S. R. Kresge, of Jenners will preach at 10 a. m. Neighboring ministers will deliver addresses in the afternoon.

## DEATHS IN THE COUNTY.

**PEARSON LOHR,** One of the best known farmers in Stoyestown and Kantner, died Sunday evening at Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, where he had been admitted for an operation. An abscess had formed on the lungs following pneumonia and pleurisy. Pearson Lohr was 72 years old and a veteran of the Civil war. He lived at Kantner. His widow, who is a daughter of the late David Specht, and the following children survive:— Andrew Martin, of Kantner; Mrs. Wilson Custer, of Shade Township; Mrs. Elmer Boyts, of Shade Township; David, of Kantner; J. E. Lohr, New Central City; James, Kantner. Also these brothers and sisters: Austin and Cornelius, near Stoyestown; Obadiah, Curtin and Mrs. Jno. Yoder, Hooversville; Grant and Mrs. James Buchanan, of Wilbur; Newton, Wilbur.

**MRS. HIRAM SHAFFER** Passed away at her home in Hooversville Thursday. Mrs. Shaffer was Miss Frances Berkebile before her marriage and was born in Shade Township. At the time of her death she was 78 years old. Mrs. Shaffer is survived by the following children: Elias, Harvey and Frank, all of Shade Township; Daniel, of Hooversville; J. J., of Berlin; Mrs. J. A. Weaver, of Paint Township, and Clara, at home. She was a sister of Mrs. Sarah Lamb, of Rummel, and of Noah and Joseph Berkebile, of Paint Township. Funeral was held Saturday at 1:30 o'clock in the Hooversville Church of the Brethren. Interment in Berkey Cemetery, Paint Township.

**MISS PEARL GUSTIN,** For the past eight years, private secretary of Norman Critchfield, of Harrisburg, state secretary of agriculture, died Tuesday at her home in Somerset after an illness of several months. She was aged about 30 years and was a daughter of W. W. Gustin, a prominent merchant of Somerset. Surviving are her parents a twin sister, Miss Maud and numerous other relatives. The funeral took place on this Thursday afternoon.

**DAVID CALDWELL,** David Caldwell, at one time a hotel keeper at Berlin, died recently at Lincoln, Nebraska, aged 69 years. His wife, a daughter of Jacob Heffley, of Berlin, survives him.

**MRS. CATHERINE CAUFFIEL** Mrs. Catherine Cauffiel, age 94 died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isabella Emert, near Ralplton, Thursday evening.

### JENNER WOMAN SUDDENLY DIES IN AUTOMOBILE.

Mrs. Salina Matthews, 85 years old, became very ill Tuesday morning while waiting in the B. & O. station at Stoyestown, and while being taken to her home in an automobile, expired. Mrs. Matthews seemed to be in good health when she left her home in Jenners that morning to visit relatives in Virginia. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Ling. Soon after arriving at the depot, Mrs. Matthews took sick and lay down on a bench there. H. H. Ling was called who came with an auto. She was then in a helpless condition and unable to talk. Heart disease was the cause of her death. Her husband, William Matthews, died about two years ago.

### CORNERSTONE IS LAID.

The corner stone of the Evangelical mile north of Lavansville, was placed with appropriate ceremonies Sunday last at 2:30 p. m. While there are no records extant to fix the date of the organization of the Samuels church and the erection of the first house of worship on the site, present members estimate that the date runs back at least 120 years. The church was incorporated by the Somerset County Court in 1846, and it is thought that the second church building erected on the site was built about 63 years ago. This building was recently torn down and a foundation for a new building, 40 by 50 feet in size, has been laid. The new edifice will be of brick and cost about \$5,000.

W. H. Deeter, the county committee man for this borough has added to his help the following: Postmaster Naugle, John Weimer, Amon Poorbaugh, and Simon Bittner. Arrangements are being made for a rousing meeting of these titans of this place and of Summit township jointly here in Meyersdale on Saturday afternoon.

Read The Exploits of Elaine.

## WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE MEETING

State Officer of Association Gives Very Interesting Talk Tues. Eve.

### A GOOD SIZE AUDIENCE.

Last Monday evening, Mrs. E. E. Kiernan, of Somerset, chairman of the Eighth Division of the Woman's Suffrage Party of Pennsylvania, gave a most interesting as well as instructive address in the lecture room of the Meyersdale Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. W. S. Livengood, the president of the organization in town, being unable to attend the meeting, Mrs. F. B. Black, the vice president, presided.

Mrs. Kiernan's mission was to urge the people to make the most of their opportunities during the next six months.

As every one is aware the Woman's Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution of the state of Pennsylvania has already been passed upon by the State Legislature twice, and now it remains for the voters by their ballots on November next to decide whether or not, the Constitution shall be amended so as to give women equal suffrage with men. Mrs. Kiernan urged that we do our utmost in the coming six months to put the facts before the people; for most fair minded persons need only to have the facts put before them, and they see that it is only right and proper for women to have the ballot.

Among other important things that Mrs. Kiernan said, was that so many people insist that the ballot will take women out of the home. She said this statement is not true, for about ten minutes twice a year is really all that a woman must be out of her home to exercise the right of franchise. But at the same time a woman may often neglect her home far more by staying in it all the time than by going out of it. Conditions are constantly changing and various temptations are continually being thrown around our children and young people, and the mother who does not go out and keep in touch with the influences that are being brought to bear upon the life of that boy or girl is neglecting that child and she is neglecting him far more than if she were not staying home all the time. Then again women have more leisure than men and therefore more time to investigate.

It is the duty of the women, who do not have to enter the industrial world to come to the rescue of the eight million sisters who do. It is positively selfish for them not to do it. And how is this possible without the ballot. The moral standard of women is generally higher than that of men, and therefore they would raise the moral standard of the ballot. Where they have the ballot they aid very largely in protecting the girls from the White Slave Traffic. Seventy-five per cent of the fifty thousand girls who enter that life of shame are forced into it unwillingly. In states where women vote laws are passed to fine persons who rent buildings for immoral purposes. In eight of our states at the present time a man no matter how worthless he is can will away minor children or unborn child without the mother's consent.

In California, one year after they obtained the ballot they had equal guardianship. The only people who do not have the ballot are idiots, criminals, children and women, and why should women be thus classed. Women are given the most important work in the world that of raising and caring for children, then why should she not have a voice in the making of the laws for the protecting of those children. Not until woman suffrage prevailed in Illinois was better conditions for the babies and children brought about. Before that all petitions were ignored by the lawmaking bodies.

There is a gradual moral evolution after women have the ballot. Definite plans were laid for a thorough campaign. The next meeting for Meyersdale will be held in the Municipal building on Friday evening, May 14, at 7 p. m. Everybody invited.

Several good Bicycles this week. Second Hand, Very Cheap. See them at Once. T. W. GURLEY, Sporting Goods Dept.

Another Car of HAMMOND DAIRY FEED in; \$28.00 per ton. HABEL & PHILLIPS.

## BERLIN COMMENCEMENT

On last Sunday evening the baccalaureate sermon to the Berlin High School graduates was preached in the Reformed church by Rev. H. B. Burkholder and the edifice was crowded by friends. The class colors of crimson and white were used effectively in the decorations, besides potted plants and cut flowers.

On Tuesday evening the Opera house was crowded to hear the presentation of Tennyson's classic, "The Princess." This took the place of the regular commencement exercises and was a pleasing innovation. The graduates were assisted by other members of the high school in the drills and choruses prettily interspersed with the play. Each did his and her part exceedingly well and won much commendation. The two principal parts were taken by Emma Deeter as Princess Ida and William Werner as Prince.

After the play, the diplomas were given to the following graduates of the year 1915: Clarence Clinton Cable, Jay Coughenour, Irene June Deeter, Emma Leora Deeter, Marian Elizabeth Groff, Walter Aaron Johnson, Jacob Speicher Lowry, Hazel Beatrice Musser, Robert Leroy Miller, Salome Leeleen Robley, Edna Viola Ross, John Garman Smith, William Luther Werner.

On Wednesday evening a delightful alumni reunion was held in the new school building. An excellent program was given a very enjoyable supper served.

When the special train carrying

### LAD FRACTURES ARM CRANKING UP AUTO.

On Sunday morning, Joseph Fullem aged about thirteen years, a son of Simon Fullem, of Second street, in cranking up an auto, received the rebound on his right forearm, resulting fracture of both bones of that member. Joseph is around the streets with his arm in a sling apparently enjoying these nice days in spite of his temporary hold-up from the active sports of boyhood.

## MAY NAME CHERRY AFTER THE GOVERNOR

The society of country women, "Die Hausfrauen" met this month, Wednesday, May 5th, at the home of Mrs. Missouri Walker near Pine Hill. Mrs. Walker, who is the widow of Norman Walker, lives on the home farm with her three children, two sons and a daughter.

The popular idea of our boys to leave the farm and rush to town will not hold here, as the eldest son who entire charge of the home farm with just arrived at manhood has taken a view of making it his home for life.

How charming the idea of the home farm following down through the family. What memories for each successive generation to treasure! The trees now great and productive, grandfather planted when a young man. The flowers and shrubs brought with loving care from her old home or received as gifts from dear friends! Truly these are jewels of memory!

In conformity with this idea and in accordance with it, the subject of this meeting was "Tree-planting." The Governor's proclamation for Arbor Day was read, a message of much power and fitness.

An original and practical idea was given the society when Mrs. Walter Boose, secretary of Die Hausfrauen, presented each member with a seedling cherry tree she had raised from the Big Tree.

The Big Cherry tree on the old Boose farm is a well known tree in this section. It spread a very king of trees in the open field, apart from the rest of the orchard, and its history as follows: Many years ago the elder Boose noticed a little cherry tree growing along the old rail fence in the field, and according to the way of these older people, to whom a tree of any kind was precious and quite contrary to the modern way of heaving and cutting down everything that looks like a tree growing

in the fence corners, thus marring the beauty of our farms, he spared it and gave it careful protection, thinking it a seedling from some of the cherry trees in the orchard. He was surprised when the tree commenced to bear to find it a strange variety of cherry unnamed and unknown. The fruit is very large, bright red, speckled with yellow, is delicious and original in flavor and hangs in great clusters. It now bears on its broad branches fruit for many families and as one Hausfrau remarked "Everything you make from those cherries takes a prize at the Fair."

From this fine old cherry each member of Die Hausfrauen has now planted a tree, making one more bond in this already popular society, handing down to posterity one more treasure, a blessing alike to her family and the community in which she lives. As this cherry has no name and richly deserves one, we have asked his Excellency, Governor Brumbaugh, to name it. The society suggests he name it for himself—"The Governor Brumbaugh Cherry."

The planting of trees, both fruit and shade is of such importance in this county which has suffered such grievous loss of orchard and forest through storms and tornadoes in these last years. We would suggest continuous planting of trees, as the life of a tree or shrub does not depend so much on the time of the year it is planted, as the care it receives afterwards.

The regular meetings in the summer months will be of a social nature. The June meeting being a reception notice of which later, and July a picnic given to the husbands, sons and friends of "Die Hausfrauen."

Interspersed with the regular meetings will be quiltings, evening and educational meetings etc., at the pleasure of the members.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES PLANNED

Veterans Have Many Cemeteries to Visit; Too Many For One Decoration.

### THE MEMORIAL SERMON

Owing to the fact that M. C. Lowry Post, No. 214, G. A. R. will this year again go into Twenty-three Cemeteries to decorate, it will be necessary to do some of the work before and some after Memorial Day, hence the following announcements:

All Comrades, Associations, Orders and Sunday Schools wishing to participate, TAKE NOTICE—

That a detail will go to St. Johns, (Evangelical) and White Oak Cemeteries on Sunday, May 23rd, in the morning, and to Hostleters and Greenville Cemeteries in the afternoon.

The principal service will be held at White Oak at 10:15 a. m. where the Rev. A. S. Kresge will deliver an appropriate address; the drum corps will accompany this detail.

A sub-detail will go from there to Krepp's, Comp's Fink's Boyer's Wellersburg, Cook's and Getz cemeteries for decorations. A second detail will go the same day to Summit Mills and St. Paul at 10:15 a. m. The St. Paul band will furnish the music at St. Paul where an address will be given.

The same detail will go to Fritz Church in the afternoon at 2 p. m.; the Berkeley band is requested to furnish music at Fritz's and an address will be made.

All detail will return to Post room at 7 p. m. to attend services in the Lutheran church where the Memorial sermon will be preached by Rev. D. W. Michael.

The Commander invites everybody to attend all these services; he especially orders a full turnout of the Old Soldiers. Notice of further services will appear next week.

Jno. H. Lepley H. C. McKinley, Adjutant Commander

## WILL REBUILD WITH BRICK. THE VOTES IN HARTLEY. CLUTTON PIANO CONTEST.

Mr. George Donges is soon to begin the erection of a substantial two-story brick building with two store rooms to replace the frame dwellings which were destroyed by fire. One of the store rooms is to be occupied by Mr. E. L. Donges with his meat market and it is to be one of the most up-to-date markets to be found anywhere.

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1,479,950	10	2,762,195
2,452,076	28	523,170
189,495	62	1,037,159
1,795,945	73	1,861,190
4,348,955	157	4,348,955
10,600,343	161	10,600,343
464,755	165	464,755

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