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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO HOLD FULL SWAY

Friday Evening in Amity Hall, Will be Rendered the Commencement Program, An Interesting Feature, Scene from Mid-Summer Night's Dream

CLASS UNIFORMED WITH USUAL CAP AND GOWN,

On Friday evening in Amity Hall beginning at 8 o'clock will be held the graduating exercises of the Meyersdale high school class of 1915.

The fourteen boys and girls will be arrayed in cap and gown except in the scene from Shakespeare's Mid-Summer Night's Dream which will be one of the most interesting parts.

The class colors, orange and black will be used in the decorations. The class motto, "Slow but sure" is a good one, but the first part of it by no means applies to the members of the class of 1915. William Hill is the valedictorian while Frederick Collins ranks second. The following program will be given:—

History of Somerset County—Sylvester Stouffer.
Reading—"Travers' First Ride,"—Paul McMillan.
Value of a High School Education—Mary Wland.

Vocal Solo—Margaret Smith.
America's Commercial Invasion of Europe—Marion Saylor.
Class Poem—Winnie Spence.
Piano Selections from Grand Opera—Sandford Weinstein.

Vocal Solo—Florence Just.
Piano Solo—Gertrude Lentz.
Scene from Mid-Summer Night's Dream—

Titania, Stella McQuain
Flute, Paul McMillan
Quince, Frederick Collins
Puck, Paul Hostetler
Bottom, Harvey Pfeiffer
King of the Fairies, Sandford Weinstein.

Starveling, Sylvester Stouffer
Snout, Wm. Hill
Song, the class Dear Old Alma Mater
Immediately after the commencement exercises the Alumni banquet will be held.

MISS KATHERINE MC KENZIE WINS PLAYER-PIANO

Hartley Clutton Contest Ended Saturday Night With Many Anxiously Awaiting the Result These Prominent Merchants Pleased with the Campaign.

MANY NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO THE COMMERCIAL,

Saturday night at 9:30 the Player Piano Contest at the Hartley Clutton Co.'s store was brought to a close and from the interest and enthusiasm that were displayed on the closing day was one of the most successful and biggest advertising campaigns that has ever been held in Meyersdale. The winner of the player piano was Miss Katherine McKenzie; Miss Mary Freig obtained a fine gold watch and seven other ladies obtained silver ware awards and another gold watch.

The Women's store deserves great credit for its progressive spirit in tak-

ing until five o'clock in the evening; then at seven o'clock they started again and continued until 9:30 p. m. when the contest was declared closed. Mr. Karl Stotler and Mr. Robert Boucher were the tellers for the day. The votes were cast continually during the afternoon and evening and the standings announced every half hour at the close of each Special Sale.

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MISS KATHERINE MCKENZIE WINNER OF THE PIANO PLAYER.

ing hold of a campaign of this kind, and especially in which the campaign was handled and managed. As the work progressed it became somewhat of a complicated affair with a great many plans to be carried out and watched, yet there has been a spirit of fairness throughout the entire period both on the part of contestants and management, that speaks well for this community.

The contest has been in progress for six months, with votes being given out with each purchase. The color of the votes was changed every month and during the last week they were changed every day, in order that no contestant could hold back her votes. The prizes that were given out were of three kinds, the weekly silverware award that was given out each week to the one turning the most votes in for that week; the monthly award of a gold watch that was given out each month to the club turning in the greatest number of votes for that month; and the ten grand awards that were given to the ten highest contestants at the close of the contest. In all this made about 40 prizes that have been given away by this store; in fact nearly every person who was active in the contest either as a contestant or one of the club members has received one of the prizes to repay her for her work.

On Saturday there were special plans made for the closing day. At two o'clock in the afternoon, the Half-hour sales were started which contin-

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ARTISTIC POCAHONTAS CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

A very pretty and artistic church edifice is to be dedicated by the congregation of St. Mark's Reformed Church, at Pocahontas, The Rev. Alfred Schlick Kresge being the efficient pastor, on next Sunday. A very interesting and profitable day is expected. The choir of the Amity Reformed church is to be there. The program for the day is as follows:—

MORNING SERVICES.
9:00 Sunday School.
9:45 Music, Baldwin & Livengood Orchestra.
10:00 Invocation, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.
Singing—Amity Reformed Church Choir.
Scripture Lesson—Gloria Patri and Prayer.
Singing.
Dedication—By the Pastor.
The Rev. Alfred Schlick Kresge.
Anthem—Amity Choir.
Sermon—Chas. E. Schaeffer, D. D.
Singing.
Offertory.
Benediction—
From 12 m. to 2 p. m. dinner will be

served in the basement of the church.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.
2:15 Organ and Orchestra Prelude.
Anthem—Amity Choir.
Scripture Lesson, Rev. I. S. Monn.
Singing.
Sermon—Dr. Schaeffer.
Singing.
Offertory.
Benediction.

EVENING SERVICES.
7:30 Invocation by the Pastor.
Singing.
Scripture Lesson, Gloria, Prayer.
Hymn.
Sermon—Rev. H. H. Wiant.
Hymn.
Offertory and Closing, Benediction.
The following are the members of the building committee—Rev. A. S. Kresge, chairman; M. F. Werner, secretary and treasurer; A. G. Yutz, J. C. Miller, Noah Lint, J. W. Arkle, Jonas Layman, Simon Werner and Harvey Warner.
The members of Baldwin & Livengood Orchestra are—C. W. Baldwin, C. E. Livengood, P. H. Clutton, W. H. Baldwin.

SENTENCED BY THE COURT

Harry Smith, the Jerome miner, who was tried on a charge of murder for killing Wm. Dempsey has been acquitted. The defendant testified that they quarreled over the distribution of mine cars. He said that Dempsey called him a vile name and straddled towards him, when he struck in his own defense. Smith hit Dempsey on his jaw with his fist. The latter fell his head striking the track rail. Death resulted from a hemorrhage of the brain several hours after the fight had occurred.

The foreigners found guilty in connection with the robbery of the Enterprise store at Garrett were sentenced by Judge W. H. Ruppel on Friday. Those prosecuted by L. R. Devore were sentenced to spend not less than four nor more than six years in the penitentiary, pay a fine of ten dollars each and restore the stolen goods. Those prosecuted by Harry Phillips were sentenced to spend from two to three years in the penitentiary.

Peter Peterson, the "movie" man, who was convicted of larceny, was paroled for one year on condition that he pay \$70 to Charles C. Shafer, his former landlord.

J. H. Murphy, the former B. & O. brakeman, convicted of forging a check on the First National Bank of Hooversville, was sentenced to not less than two nor more than five years in the penitentiary.

William Scott, convicted of a crime against morality, was ordered to pay a fine of \$20 and to be paroled for a year.

A number of foreigners convicted of assault and battery, were severely lectured and ordered to pay the costs in all cases.

THE CATHOLIC MAY PROCESSION

The capacity of St. Philip and James Catholic Church in this place was taxed to accommodate the large congregation which assembled on Sunday evening to witness the annual May procession and the crowning of the Virgin Mary, the Queen of May. The procession started from the parish and was pretty indeed as it gracefully wandered through festooned aisles in lines separating and reuniting. The program as given in our last issue was pretty and effectively carried out. Rev. Fr. Brady in his sermon appropriate to the occasion answered the question why the Catholic church pays honors to the mother of the Christ by saying that God Himself first honored by choosing her from among women to be the earthly mother of the World's Redeemer.

Mrs. Matthias Poorbaugh who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Imier, on North street has been seriously ill for the past few days.

Rev. D. W. Michael is enjoying a recently purchased auto which he obtained from the Meyersdale Auto Co.

4 lbs. of evaporated peaches for 25 cts. at Habel & Phillips.

NEGROES ROB JUNK DEALER

On Sunday night at one o'clock, Shaparo, the junk dealer who lives by himself at the foot of Broadway near the river bridge, was aroused from sleep by three negroes who said they had a message from Pittsburgh for him from his brother. On opening the door the villains thrust a revolver in his face and demanded his money. This he surrendered to the amount of \$51.75. His nightly visitors seemed to be in no hurry to leave, using their time, and thirty for the meanwhile threatening the man that there were 19 of them in the gang and that if he reported to the police about them that some one of the ten would surely get him and kill him.

Shortly after daybreak, Shaparo informed Officer Hare of his harrowing experience and the latter was on the lookout for the colored brand. During the day he arrested one Negro and had Shaparo size him up. The latter said that he felt sure that he was one of the trio.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

According to announcement the Somerset Classis of the Reformed Church met on Tuesday evening of last week in the Reformed church at Rockwood.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Ira S. Monn, of Salisbury, after which Rev. D. S. Stephan, of Berlin, was elected president and Rev. Skyles, of Cumberland, was made secretary for the coming year.

The day sessions of Wednesday and Thursday were taken up with various kinds of routine business. Among other matters Cyrus T. Glessner, of Berlin, who had finished his studies at college and seminary, was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel. Two other applicants to become ministers in the Reformed church, one of them from another denomination, were taken into consideration. The Treasurer's report showed quite an increase in benevolent contributions during the past year. On Wednesday evening Dr. D. A. Souder, of Irwin, one of the Missionary superintendents, gave an illustrated lecture on Hungarian work; on Thursday evening Dr. A. E. Truxal, of Meyersdale, delivered an address on Foreign Missions and Rev. A. M. Kifer, of Greenville, spoke on the Orphans' Home and schools. The report of the schools of the county were excellent. There were fifteen ministers and twelve elders of the county present.

Classis adjourned to meet next year at Salisbury.

It is estimated that the work done by volunteers in this county on Good Roads Day would have cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000. About 5,000 men were at work.

15c Can Pritchard's Baking Powder for 10 cts. or a 10c. Can for 7c. at Bittner's Grocery.

Cabbage, Tomato and Celery plants received almost daily at Habel & Phillips.

CHAUTAQUA TICKET AGT.

TO BE HERE SATURDAY.
Jesse E. Marshall, the general ticket agent of the Lincoln Chautauqua Association will be here on Saturday of the present week to meet all those who stand surety for tickets. President Kyle of the local management especially desires that this part of the work be promptly disposed of at this time and he urges all to get their tickets now. This is but a reasonable request and as all know what the Chautauqua is, that there will be 12 first class, entertainments for \$1.50 almost at moving picture prices, be ready on Saturday to meet Mr. Marshall and redeem your pledges in the way of settling for your tickets.

NEW PLANING MILL FOR MEYERSDALE.

D. A. Friedline, who for several years has been the foreman in the Meyersdale planing mill has launched out for himself. He is equipping a plant in the Miller Mfg. Co. building, having already put in some machinery. Yesterday he went to Somerset to buy some more machines from an abandoned mill there. Mr. Friedline is an experienced workman and ought to succeed. The quality of his work as well as his prices will be gratifying to his customers.
Born to-day to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Austin a daughter.

WATCHMAN FOR WESTERN MARYLAND CROSSING

At the regular monthly meeting of council on Tuesday evening the following members responded to Secretary Dickey's roll call—Messrs. Da, Saylor, Staub, Darley, Emeigh Bauman and Bittner.
Martin Foy made complaint concerning a ditch in front of his property on Grant street and that there was an unsightly Bell telephone pole there also. —Robt. Thompson desired to be excused from payment of poll tax as he is a non-resident of the town.
Mr. Thompson's complaint was referred to the side walks required and the company would put on a watchman from noon to midnight and that an electric bell would be put into operation.

THE BEST SEPARATOR

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Burgess Gress reports the collection of \$78 fines; the same was paid over to council.—The Finance committee reports \$373.31 in the active acct. and \$2841.59 in the sinking fund; balance due from Collector Baer \$772.09.
The street labor bills to May 16th amounted to \$127.76 and for the other two weeks of the month to \$138.87.
A petition was presented asking for the removal of the street light on Grant street with standard street light.
The City solicitor for instruction

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

County Superintendent D. W. Seibert has announced the dates for the examination of teachers in Somerset county for 1915 as follows:—Jenners and Boswell, June 3-4; Somerset, June 7-8; Shanksville, June 9-10; Davidsville, June 11-12; Hooversville, June 14-15; Confluence, June 17-18; Rockwood, June 21-22; Garrett, June 23-24; Salisbury, June 25-26; Meyersdale, June 25-26; Berlin, June 28-29; Professional, June 30, July 1; Special, August, 19-20.

Examinations will begin at 9 a. m. Each teacher must present a health certificate properly signed by a physician. Applicants should have scratch paper, blotters, pens and ink. Last year's certificates or reports are expected of all applicants. They will be examined in Pennsylvania history as well as United States history. Provisional certificates will be issued before July 10, and all professional ones granted prior to June 1, 1914, must be renewed. Two days will be taken this for each examination.

U. B. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Young Peoples Christian Endeavor of the Allegheny conference of the United Brethren Church will be held at Rockwood, June 22, 23 and 24. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Practically all the pastors and delegates of the United Brethren churches of Western Pennsylvania will be present. The Rockwood congregation is making extensive preparations to entertain all who come, with the assistance of the other churches of the town in the way of hospitality. Rockwood is a favorite place for these conventions on account of the excellent railroad facilities.

A very interesting game of base ball was played here on the afternoon of Memorial Day between The Frostburg team and the local boys. The score was 3 to 1 in favor of the home team. The editor depended upon one of the players to furnish a good account of the game, but for some reason he failed to make good.

See our 3-Speed POPE BICYCLES, just came Climbs any hill with ease. Very latest models.