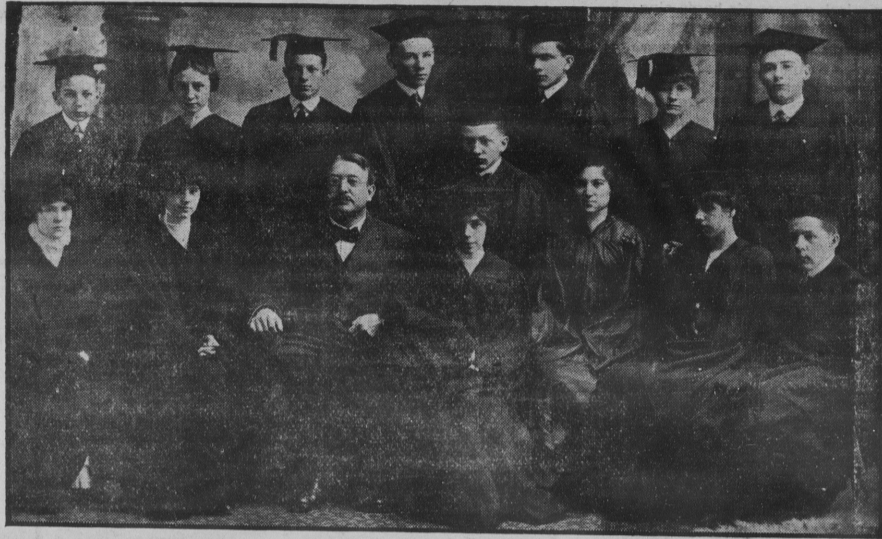


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## CLASS OF 1915, MEYERS-DALE HIGH SCHOOL



Reading from left to right: back row, Frederick Collins, Gertrude Lintz, Sylvester Stouffer, Harvey Pfeifer, Paul McMillan, Margaret Smith, Sanford Weinstein; front row, Winifred Spence, Stella McQuain, Supt. W. H. Kretchman, Mary June Wiland, William Dill, Marian Saylor, Florence Just and Paul Hostetler.

### VERY INTERESTING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

On Friday evening quite a large crowd of relatives and friends of the High School graduates of 1915, gathered in Amity Hall for the exercises which would mark the close of their public school work.

The stage was decorated with a background and sides of green, that it might be suitable for the scene from Shakespeare to follow the program.

After music by the orchestra, Prof. W. H. Kretchman, supervisory principal of the schools made a few introductory remarks and introduced Rev. D. W. Michael, who made the invocation.

Marion Saylor ably discussed "The American Industrial Invasion of Europe;" Miss Florence Just sweetly sang two selections, "Shine Inside" and an Indian melody; Sylvester Stouffer gave an outline of Somerset Co. history in a clear concise manner; Sanford Weinstein gave grand opera bits showing considerable skill at the piano; if anyone doubted "the value of a High School Education" after listening to Miss Mary June Wiland, their doubts were dispelled by the logic of her production. Winifred Spence in a witty manner, was the "poet-laureate" of the class and in verse recited some of the facts and foibles of her classmates and stopped only after some of the faculty were deftly dealt with. Miss Gertrude Lintz showed her musical proficiency by rendering a selection from one of Beethoven's masterpieces. "Traver's

First Ride" by Paul McMillan was an excellent oration, well delivered by the valedictorian, William Dill. After music by the orchestra, the curtains were drawn to be opened a few moments later on the first scene from Mid-Summer Night's Dream. The different characters were splendidly presented—Paul Hostetler made a charming Puck, but when he began to speak his deep voice showed that he was not as infantile as his appearance. The character of Oberon was splendidly taken by Sanford Weinstein; Stella McQuain as Titania; Harvey Pfeiffer as Bottom and Frederick Collins as Quince all acquitting themselves with much credit. Other players and fairies were Wm. Dill, Paul McMillan, Syl. Stouffer, Hilda Lichty, Julia Hobbittzell, Mary Cover Miriam Glessner, Julia Cover, Gretchen Wilmoth, Bertha Glessner, Marguerite McLennan.

The presentation of diplomas was nicely accomplished by President of the school board, F. A. Bittner, who in a few well chosen words spoke of what the directors had tried to do, making the most of the funds at their command, \$21,000 being the sum expended during the year. More money is needed if the schools are to continue on the upward trend.

After a song by the class, "Dear, Old Alma Mater," Rev. J. C. Matteson pronounced the benediction and one more commencement had passed into history.

Alumni Banquet. The Sixth Alumni Banquet of the Meyersdale High School was held Friday evening immediately after commencement.

The reception was first held in the social room of Amity Hall and then all repaired to the banquet room.

Frederic Rowe, of class '04, acted as toastmaster. Charles Griffith '11 welcomed the class of 1915, to which Paul McMillan, '15 responded. After a selection given by the Meyersdale quartette Rev. D. W. Michael gave a talk using as his subject "Service." His advice was: meet each opportunity with your best effort and you are sure to succeed.

W. S. Reitz spoke of Athletics—their value both morally and socially. He asked the association to support the Athletic spirit in the high school. Miss Goldsmith and Mr. Paul Clutton gave short talks which were enjoyed by all. A selection by the Meyersdale quartette was the next on the program. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved.

The following officers were elected: Pres., George H. Benford, '07; vice pres., Park Welmer, '13; sec'y and tras., Miss Grace Pfeiffer, '06. After the Alumni song the association adjourned for another twelve months.

### DEATH OF E. E. CONRAD

One of Meyersdale Best Citizens Passes Away on Wednesday Evening

The Well Known Photographer

One of Meyersdale's most highly esteemed and well known citizens Elmer Ellsworth Conrad, in the prime of life, at the age of 52 years, passed from the scenes of earth to the rewards awaiting the faithful and true, at his home on Centre and High streets at nine o'clock on Wednesday evening. Mr. Conrad about all of his life had been subject to stomach trouble and his death was caused by cancer of the stomach. Mr. Conrad was born in Bedford and when he was 14 years of age the family moved to Frostburg. Mr. Conrad early learned photography—the calling in which he attained singular success. About 23 years ago he began business in Meyersdale. Shortly before that time he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Ellen Deal, who survives him as do the following children, all at home: Esther, Lucile, Ellsworth, Mary, James and John. Five children have died. There are surviving six sisters and two brothers. Mr. Conrad was a devoted Christian, a member of the Lutheran church and his pastor, Rev. D. W. Michael will conduct the funeral services in the church on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in Union cemetery.

Mr. Conrad was a man who radiated good cheer and his place will be much missed in Meyersdale. When he realized that his moments were few on earth he tranquilly said that it was all right with his spirit. Many lives have been brightened because E. E. Conrad lived.

### LAD LEAVES FARM FOR TOWN

Excitement Caused When Over Forty Men Hunt For Boy Who Disappears.

Found Next Morning at Station

On Saturday evening quite a little excitement was caused when about forty-five men were out in autos hunting for John, the 15 year old son of Samuel Hershberger a prosperous farmer of near Grantsville who had left his home at four p. m. that afternoon and who was not found until Sunday morning.

The lad had been working in the fields and about four p. m. in his shirt sleeves and big straw hat started to walk to Meyersdale a distance of from 12 to 13 miles. Just after he had left the home farm he stopped at Christ Yoder's to tell them that their calves were in his father's field. The conductor on a train and others saw him and after the search had been started he was traced to this place but could not be located that night.

The boy, perhaps with some intention of boarding a freight train, as he had no money, was seen around the station shortly before 10 p. m. by Night Agent Sanders who told him to go up into the abandoned telegraph tower for the night, not knowing that a search was being made. Early on Sunday morning the father went to the home of Agent J. M. Schlicht who at once got into communication with his night man and the latter told of his observations of the night. On going to the tower the boy was found asleep. Upon being awakened he told the father that he just wanted to come to Meyersdale. When he was taken back home he ran and hid behind some baled hay before he would go into the house.

The boy has been afflicted with stomach trouble and it is thought the hot sun temporarily affected his mind, augmented by the fact that there had been some slight reprimand. It was shown that in no manner had he planned to go away. The night's anxiety to the family was the main result of the boy's strange actions.

Some Good Bargains in MOTOR CYCLES this week at Gurley's Sporting Goods Store.

Bargains in dried fruits and canned goods at Habel & Phillips.

### DEDICATION OF POCAHONTAS CHURCH

St Mark's Reformed Congregation Reach Goal They Strived For. Services Greatly Enjoyed. Some of Those Who Gave Furnishings and Windows.

GREAT CROWD PRESENT SUNDAY ENJOYED OCCASION.



POCAHONTAS REFORMED CHURCH

About 2,000 persons Sunday attended the dedication of the new St. Marks Reformed church at Pocahontas. There were several hundred autos, more than were ever seen at one time there. Several hours before the service one of the prominent speakers was wondering where the congregation would come from and was astonished at the great number who arrived. Not only did they come with their friends and families but they brought such big baskets of good things to eat that nearly every one was invited by some one else to dine with them. The woods were filled with the crowd. Though the ladies of the church had provided some eatables in the basement for those who might wish them, there was very little sold as the hospitality of the crowd took in nearly all.

During the day the sum of \$588 in cash was raised and \$1470 in pledges making a total of \$2058. An indebtedness of about \$2,000 still remains.

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer preached a splendid sermon in the morning and another in the afternoon, but only a small part of the big crowd could get into the church to hear him. In the evening Rev. H. H. Wiant gave a very good discourse to a large congregation. The foundation of the church was the Greenville Reformed and Lutheran church, which about two years ago was completely destroyed by fire. This church was founded in 1848. The first pastor was Rev. Benjamin Knepper who for 24 years made it his great work in life until 1878. The following were successive pastors: Revs. L. D. Steckle, J. M. Schick, D. C. H. Reiter, A. C. Snyder, Ph. D., J. F. Bair, J. D. Hunsicker, Rev. Shupe, and the present pastor, Rev. Alfred Schick Kresge, who became pastor, June 1st, 1913.

After the church was burned, the Lutherans of the congregation built a house of worship opposite the old edifice. The Reformed members have through many trials reached the present goal. Sometimes they worshipped in the Dunkard church, later in the White Oak and in summer weather, often in the grove. The task of bringing the scattered members together for such a purpose has been a most difficult one, reflecting great credit upon the pastor and people, especially

ally the building committee, composed of Rev. Kresge as chairman, F. A. Werner, Noah Lint, Jonas Layman, J. C. Miller, J. W. Arkie, A. G. Yutzy, Simon Werner and Harvey Werner. The church is one of the prettiest of the churches of this county, noted for its beautiful houses of worship. The corner stone was laid September 3, 1914.

The beautiful baptismal font was presented by Dr. W. H. Saylor and family of Berlin; the lectern or reading stand by Mrs. Samuel Yutzy. Mrs. Maggie Bonheimer, of York, gave the communion table and Bible in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aultmiller. Other children of the latter couple Mrs. Samuel Hoffmeyer, of Meyersdale, and Mrs. Shultz, of Berkey, with other relatives presented a window. Merchant A. S. Glessner donated a rug for the pastor's room. The three large memorial windows were given by the following: The St. Mark window, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lint and family, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lint; The Good Shepherd window, Elder J. C. Miller and family; Christ Knocking at the Door, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yutzy. The Sunshine Club gave a small window in honor of J. M. Schick. Two windows in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Glottfely were given by their children and grandchildren. The window in the pastor's room was given by the pastor and wife. Other small windows were given by Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Sass; the choir window by the choir; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Werner by their children; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Werner; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Werner; Mrs. G. M. Wright and son; and Mrs. Susan Helwig, in memory of her husband and daughter; one in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Werner by their children. Undertaker Price, of Meyersdale besides a nice donation has promised to furnish the study table for the pastor's room.

The Amity choir sang three splendid anthems that were greatly appreciated. The Baldwin and Livengood orchestra also very kindly furnished excellent music for the occasion. St. Mark's has now about 130 members and a flourishing Sabbath School and the prospects are bright for the future of the church.

### ANNUAL LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Two Days' Profitable Meeting Held in Meyersdale Church This Week. Many County Delegates Here.

The first session of the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Lutheran Sunday School Association convened in the Zion Lutheran Church in this place on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock for a service of three days. The pastor of the church is the Rev. D. W. Michael.

Prof. I. H. Mack very spiritedly conducted the singing of the convention. The vesper service was led by Rev. S. N. Carpenter. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. B. Carney delighted the audience with a duet. At 7:30 p. m. the address of the evening was delivered by Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., the general secretary of Foreign Missions.

The Salisbury choir rendered a beautiful selection. A collection taken for the home missionary work amounted to \$12.49. The committee on resolutions was appointed as follows—Rev. H. S. Rhoads, Rev. Snyder, W. E. Walker, A. J. Weimer. Committee on Credentials—R. H. Philson, Miss Lou Floto and Miss Lulu Pfiff.

On Tuesday morning Rev. R. D. Clare conducted the devotional exercises, following which the accompanying delegates were enrolled: Friedens—A. J. Weimer; Somerset—Mrs. Laura K. Baush; Casebeer—Pierce Miller; Salisbury—Miss Anna.

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### A. E. SHUMAKER PASSES AWAY

Alexander Eston Shumaker, eldest son of the late Abraham and Mahala (Snyder) Shumaker, died Sunday June 6th, 1915 at the family residence on Front street. He was born in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, 1847 was aged at the time of his death 67 years, 10 months and 19 days.

Early in youth he removed with his parents to Meyers Mills, now Meyersdale, where he has resided continuously since with the exception of his term of service in the Union army and several years spent in the latter sixties and early seventies when he operated the Livengood grist mill at a point near Salisbury, now known as Boynton. When quite young he was employed as chore boy at different times for both Peter Meyers and Daniel Buechley, two pioneer settlers and prominent men of affairs in the early history and development of this community.

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### BURGESS WARNS BOYS

Burgess Valentine Gress wishes to notify all parents that children must be taught that throwing stones and running in front of automobiles will not be tolerated in the borough. Last week seven boys were taken before the burgess for such conduct, but they were paroled on their promise to discontinue such practices and to also obey the curfew law. Second offense will mean a heavy fine as the burgess and the police are bound to break it up before some fatality or serious accident occurs.

Many children take great delight in seeing how near to an auto they can run and last week a boy on Broadway ran right into the back wheel of a car driven by Oscar Gurley but fortunately for the lad the car was not going rapidly.

Another matter should be called to the attention of owners of cows is that in taking them to and from pasture, they are often permitted to run over lawns and thereby cause much damage. A beautiful lawn at High and Grant street, which has been so carefully cared for by the owner, was recently badly damaged in this way. The children, taking the animal, get to playing, instead of attending to Madam Cow's pranks. There is an ordinance covering this and if not obeyed the owners of the cows will be called upon to appear before the burgess.

### MOVING PICTURES FOR FIREMEN'S BENEFIT.

One of those funny two-part Keystone comedies will be the added attraction at the ever popular Summer Garden, Tuesday evening, June 15th for the benefit of the local fire department, who have done some very good work in the past year. Let every loyal citizen turn out, help the firemen, and also get a good laugh for the small price of ten cents. There will be only one price of admission, ten cents to all. Everybody over the age of five years must have a ticket, "Gussie's Day of Rest" the two part keystone is what one might term a "riot". Sid Chaplin and his assistants do their "worst," and the result is one of the funniest films of the farce comedy class that has ever been booked at this popular picture resort, Remember, Tuesday is Firemen's Night Get in early.

### SUFFRAGISTS WILL HOLD "SIX COUNTY RALLY" AT SOMERSET

There will be a "Six County Rally" of suffrage leaders at Somerset next Tuesday, June 15, at the home of Mrs. E. E. Kiernan, Chairman of the Sixth Division of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Party. Altogether about 200 of the loyal supporters of "Votes for Women" are expected to attend. They will be headed by the county chairman from Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Huntingdon and Somerset counties, all of which are included in the Sixth Division of the Party. The conference will last all day.

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