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THIS IS CHAUTAUQUA WEEK, MEYERSDALE JUN. 25-30

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Jacob J. Holzshu and Wife Celebrate Notable Event in Their Lives

A very pleasant occasion was that of the observance of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Holzshu, at their home in Commerce street on Friday evening last. Guests to the number of twenty assembled to rejoice with them on the consummation of the half century journey of this worthy couple. All of that long period was spent in Meyersdale with the exception of one year when they removed to Mt. Savage and then returned to this place. Eight children were born to them, one of whom, Mary, has passed to the great beyond. The other members who started life from this household are W. H. Holzshu of the firm of Holzshu & Welmer, Emma and Minnie of Pittsburgh, John of Pitcairn, Martha, Warren and Charles of Meyersdale.

Mrs. Holzshu was previous to her marriage, Linda Schultz. The evening was delightfully passed in conversation and a big wedding feast was served to which all did full justice. Mr. and Mrs. Holzshu were the recipients of a nice lot of presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Holzshu are among the most worthy and highly esteemed people of the town and all those present as well as all of their acquaintances congratulate them on attaining a man and wife that which comes to so few couples, the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

FIGHTERS ARE ARRESTED

Last Thursday evening about seven o'clock, four men, unknown to this community, with names which they chose to give and hailing from everywhere and nowhere in particular, while in the vicinity of the B. & O. station in this place became involved in a pitched and running battle in which the munitions of war were stones and clubs, all over a pint of whiskey.

To protect the immediate neighborhood from injury, D. H. Mangas and Wm. P. Dively rushed in on the ruffians, and the latter told them they had better surrender, as they were under arrest. Three of the fellows agreed to this proposition, but the fourth made a decided protest, all the way to the lock-up. He said that the other three men had been the bur-

THREE NEARLY DROWNED

CHAUTAUQUA TO-MORROW

Three boys had a narrow escape from drowning Sunday afternoon in the reservoir of the Brothersville Coal Company at McDonaldton. George, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Knepper, was still in a serious condition Monday, but the brothers, were revived soon after being pulled from the water. George Knepper was unable to swim. Sunday having been his second attempt. With several other boys, he was on a raft which was tilted, and which threw all into about seven feet of water. The accident occurred about 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and young Knepper, who was rescued by Edward Cougenour, did not regain consciousness until about 12 o'clock Monday night, oxygen being resorted to. Knepper is a clerk in the Brallier drug store at Berlin. The accident is said to have been due to the actions of several of the party who insisted on rocking the boat, after they had dived into the water and were holding fast to the sides until the frail craft was upset. When it was seen that Knepper and Heffley were in danger of drowning their companions hurriedly pushed the boat to shore where they righted it and returned to the rescue.

CHAUTAUQUA TO-MORROW

The Lincoln Chautauqua for Meyersdale, has the promise of a very successful week, beginning tomorrow with the Junior Chautauqua from 3 to 11 a. m. at the Slicer ball grounds, at the foot of Main street. The big tent arrived here Wednesday afternoon and a force of men were soon at work erecting it. The mornings will be devoted to the Juniors, Miss Kase having that in charge. It will be a delight to the children. Citizens are asked to decorate. Treasurer Griffith informs us that the tickets are going like hot cakes, between seven and eight hundred having been taken already. For the convenience of our readers we reprint the program on another page. It is urged upon all citizens to decorate their houses and places of business and to make the town appear at its best. We are just as good as any other town and a mighty sight better than many others. Let us show that such is the case especially to visitors.

Notice is hereby given that no firecrackers can be shot within the borough limits before Monday, July 5. VALENTINE GRESS, Burgess.

DECLARE TROLLEY LINE WILL BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS

Many persons are quite skeptical in regard to the building of the Johnstown-Somerset interurban line but officials in charge declare it will be a reality within eighteen months. The new line according to Supt. R. S. Wilbur, whose headquarters are at Somerset, will be a \$1,500,000 project, all except \$100,000 worth of stock being sold, this being reserved for investors in this vicinity. The line will be 36 miles in length, extending from Rockwood to Kelso and entering Johnstown over the lines of the Johnstown Traction Company. The principal towns which the proposed line will touch are Kelso, Davidsville, Holsopple, Jerome, Milltown, Boswell, Jenners, Acosta, Belmont, Harrison, Somerset, Edgewood Grove, Millford and Rockwood. It will extend through a rich farming community and more than 10,000 rural residents will be benefited by the line.

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

The Edward A. Leonard home on Salisbury street, was the scene of a beautifully appointed function on Monday afternoon, when Miss Nell Leonard, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, entertained in honor of her guest, Miss Eleanor Irvine, of Altoona, and incidentally made an important announcement. The guests were the members of the younger social set and a few out-of-town friends; Miss Irvine, Miss Elizabeth Rowland, of Port Deposit, Md., who is visiting Miss Mary Black, of Front street, and Miss Florence Maust, of Salisbury. Promptly at 5:30 the guests were taken to the dining room where the table was beautifully decorated in pink and white. A large pink basket tied with pink mulline, and filled with pink and white carnations, occupied the center of the table while at each end of the table were crystal candlesticks with pink shades. After a dainty three course luncheon was served, the whole affair came to a happy climax with the ice cream which was served in the form of pink hearts, adorned with tiny Cupids, bride's slippers and golden arrows to which were attached cards bearing the names of Miss Nell Reese Leonard and Mr. Rome L. Shirley, of Apollo, Pa.

CHURCH PROPERTY BURNED

Four at Boswell Fearly Cremated, Creek Water in Pipes May Cause Epidemic

The new Greek Catholic church at Boswell was badly damaged by fire, the rectory was destroyed and the Rev. Father Shakaley and three others had narrow escapes from being cremated about 1 o'clock Thursday morning. The fire broke out in the old building sold by Ed. Friedline to the Greek congregation about two years ago. The cause is not known. When the fire was discovered the entire rectory seemed to be a mass of flames. The occupants were not awake and it was necessary to batter down the doors before they could be aroused and they escaped in their nightclothing. Only a few pieces of furniture on the first floor were saved so rapidly was the building consumed. The occupants who had such a narrow escape were the rector and his wife, the teacher of the school and the pianist. The Friedline building was located on Quemahoning street, apart from other buildings the new church being about ten feet away. An automobile was also consumed. The water supply gave out and the water from the Quemahoning creek was turned into the pipes. This water has been considered poisonous and laden with typhoid fever germs. In an effort to prevent an epidemic, the borough authorities the next morning hurriedly distributed over the town printed notices warning all not to use the water for drinking or cooking purposes. However, it is believed that many of the foreigners have used it. The loss on the new church is covered by insurance, about \$2,000 being carried but the rectory is almost a complete loss.



HON. F. B. BLACK, CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURE

Mrs. C. S. Caar returned last Saturday from a week's visit at the W. L. Clear home in Cumberland.

The Garrett Normal will close another successful term with the Teachers' Examinations to be held here June-24. Much credit is due Prof. Speicher for the rapid progress made by the students under his supervision during the term just closing.

B. L. Rush, the genial B. & O. agent of this place, left Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio, having been elected as a delegate to the convention of the Company's Relief Department, which meets in that city. He expects to be gone about a week.

Charles Pritts and W. M. Kistler took in the sights of Brothersville and Somerset on Saturday last Sunday. The trip was made in Mr. Pritts' new Saxon car.

Everybody is looking forward to the big celebration to be held here on July 5th and from indications at present, we are inclined to believe that the event will be a big success. Our citizens should do all in their power to help make it a day that will be long remembered in the history of the town.

Dr. R. T. Pollard was a business visitor in Meyersdale, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carver spent Sunday at the Grover Gleesner home in Brothersville township.

C. S. Clear went to Cumberland Tuesday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clear.

G. W. Oaks was a business caller in Meyersdale, Tuesday. Quite a few of our people attended the sale at John Gambert's near Pine Hill last Thursday.

The Angema Laboratory is meeting with much success as business is daily increasing owing to the quality of goods at prices incomparable with other firms. We are proud of an institution of this kind in our town, the products of which reach nearly every state in the Union and bring in return thousands of satisfied customers. The old sidewalk on Centre street is being torn away and replaced with neat concrete walks, which with our paved streets, makes us up-to-date in this line.

Donald Craig, of Ralphton, spent over Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. Dillah Bowlby returned to Garrett on Tuesday after spending almost four months at the home of her son, Lorenzo, near Somerset. She was accompanied by Messrs. Josiah and David Wilt, who are visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Elsie Pritts returned Monday after spending several days with relatives at Somerset.

Our band boys are making an excellent showing at present. They are men of excellent talent and deserve the hearty support of the town. Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Speicher spent Sunday with relatives near Somerset.

Several of our people are arranging to attend the Lincoln Chautauqua at Meyersdale.

The sick are slowly improving at this writing. If you want all the news all the time, you will find it summed up in the Commercial.

BOOSTERS WERE BUSY.

About twenty autos filled with Chautauqua boosters on Friday night headed by our band, went to Salisbury scattering literature en route. Last evening a number of automobiles, this time having a number of the fair sex aboard, with music of the band and tin horns galore, were at Garrett and Berlin, once more emphasizing the big week in Meyersdale, beginning to-morrow, June 25th.

Mr. Louis Weld entertained at dinner at the Colonial, on Sunday, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Rowland, of Port Deposit, Md.

SAWMILL BURNED WHILE OWNER SLEPT.

On going to his sawmill, on the Garey property, a short distance from Garrett, on the Berlin road, yesterday morning, Mahlon Christner, was astounded to find his mill in ashes. The loss was about \$600 with no insurance. Mr. Christner had been to the mill on Friday last and then there was no fire about the place, so that the conclusion is obvious that it was the work of incendiaries. The mill was in good condition and only about half of the timber was cut from the tract where it was located.

WINDBER GIRL INSTANTLY KILLED.

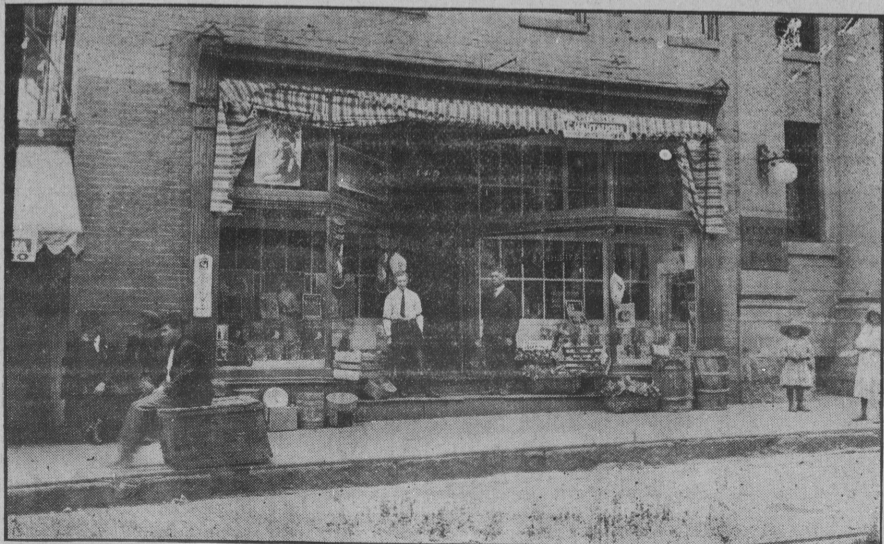
Miss Ruth Geddes, aged 19 years, daughter of W. T. Geddes, of Windber, was instantly killed and Miss Dorothy Smith injured Tuesday afternoon, when the automobile which Miss Smith was driving, struck a telephone pole and fell over a seven foot wall in Johnstown. Miss Geddes was a daughter of a well known lumber dealer in Windber. She was home on a vacation from the National School of Domestic Science, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kendall and two sons, S. A. Jr. and John Wiley Kendall, have gone to Roseburg, Ore., to remain several weeks while Mr. Kendall looks after the interests of the Kendall Lumber Company.

Mrs. Walter Cartwright and two children, of Listie, Pa., are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. M. A. Doncker, of the South Side.

Men who broke into the B. & O. station a couple of months ago. At the hearing the next day before Burgess Gress, this was found to be but a fabrication. The one man paid his fine and the others served time.

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COUNTY TREASURER CANDIDATE



W. W. Landis, one of the prominent candidates for county treasurer, is native to Brothersville township. Four years ago he was in the race and at that time came out second in the list, which is evidence of his strong popularity. He is a resident of Conemaugh township. Mr. Landis is pleasing in his personal appearance and his character and reputation would make him a safe accountant for the county.

WOMAN SENT TO JAIL.

Mrs. Gertrude Romesburg who was charged with maintaining a disorderly house just outside the border limits of town in a hearing before Squire Hay on Saturday evening was, in default of bail, sent to the county jail to await trial a court.

The woman in question for the past several years has figured in the local police courts for similar misdoings, until she removed to just outside the limits, thinking to get a rest from the troublesome officers, but she was not well informed on points of law as to where some officers' jurisdiction begins and ends relative to Meyersdale until Constable Harvey Bittner subpoenaed her to account. Citizens living in the locality of where Mrs. Romesburg lived claim that they have been much annoyed by the denunciations going on there at night.

We greatly regret that we are compelled to hold over about six letters all ready for this issue as well as half of our Salisbury and Sand Patch letters.

Mrs. W. T. Hoblitzell and Mrs. J. J. Hoblitzell were hostesses at a motor trip to Cove Md, Tuesday evening.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

In this issue appears a fine array of advertising by the business men of Meyersdale. These are the men who are on the quiver for their own best interests. They realizing that Chautauqua week should mean something for them either now or a little later were desirous of letting the public know that Meyersdale really exists and that they exist in it, have made a liberal use of the columns, yes pages of The Commercial. The well known, and long established firm of R. Reich & Son have dipped deep into printer's ink this week and have a double page, something rarely done in Somerset county; these pages deal with furniture and undertaking and the garage business together with the merits of the Overland auto; The two large department stores—A. S. Gleesner and that of Miller & Collins each with a page has very artistically represented their respective interests. Other large advertisers are—McKenzie & Smith; The Meyersdale Auto Co.; The Pfahler Co.; Hartley & Cutton; Hartley & Baldwin; Tom & Jim; Habel & Phillips; F. B. Thomas; Collins' Drug Store, I. Weinstein; Baer & Co.

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