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## FOURTH OF JULY PRECAUTIONS

**Fireman to Assist Local Police in Guarding Against Fires and Accidents Here on That Day.**

The officials of the Meyersdale Fire Department, Pres. W. H. Deeter, and Fire Chief, James Campbell, have requested the members of the Fire Department to assist the local police in preventing fires over the Fourth of July. Officers Hare and Fuller are both members of the Fire Company, and they have expressed the determination to do all within their powers to prohibit celebrations that may result in fire damage. Chief of Police, Fred Hare, who is also, fire marshal, unites with Messrs. Deeter and Campbell in requesting the members of the fire department to give assistance of this character.

Fires are always a danger to the lives of citizens and of members of the Fire Company, as well as destructive to property. Hence, strict measures should be taken to prevent them. The fire ladders will remain on the streets during the Fourth celebration for this especial purpose. They will give advice and warning wherever they see dangerous practices carried on; and it is hoped that all citizens will assist them in applying the adage: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The following are excerpts from a timely bulletin issued by State Fire Marshal, Joseph L. Baldwin:

The fire cracker was borrowed from the Chinese; when used in moderation and with the greatest care it is the least dangerous, but carelessly handled it has made our 4th a day of calamity and a nuisance. It is a day dreaded by many.

It is not generally realized the great loss of life and property occurring every year caused by fireworks. A few years ago two-thirds of the city of Portland, Maine, was burned, due to fire crackers. In eight years the fire loss in the United States has amounted to \$2,500,000.

Public sentiment today is in favor of a safe and sane Fourth. Wherever Fourth of July celebrations have been tried without the promiscuous use of fire works it has been found to be the most satisfactory as no accidents from gunpowder occurred and there were no fires from explosions reported.

There are far better ways of teaching the youth of the country to remember the Declaration of Independence than by the making of loud noises and thus endanger life and property.

Where a general display of fire works is provided by a community for the benefit of all, the display should be given in the evening and then only under the absolute management and direction of competent persons.

Don't under any circumstances permit children to have matches or to set off fireworks.

There are in all communities persons disposed to obstinacy and unreasonably persist in doing things contrary to the wishes of the majority; such persons often cause trouble and may do so on the Fourth of July by the careless handling of fireworks which may result in injury or death of loved ones or the destruction of property.

Keep buckets filled with water for immediate use and at a convenient place.

### CHURCH NOTICES.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**—Rev. W. M. Howe, Pastor. Preaching for July 4 at 10:30 a. m. "Christian Liberty;" at 7:30 p. m. "David and his Sin." Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.; Christian Workers' Meeting at 6:45 in the evening. Quarterly Business Meeting at 1:30 p. m. on July 3.

**Brethren Church**—On Sunday, July 4, the Mens' Federation will meet in connection with the Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. There will be preaching services both morning and evening in the Meyersdale Church. The evening sermon will be patriotic in character. All are cordially invited to attend.

H. L. Goughnour, pastor.

**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER**—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner on the Republican ticket, primaries to be held on September 21, 1915.

John R. Boose, Somerset, Pa.

JONAS M. COOK OF SOMERSET BOROUGH.

"On the Return" as Republican Candidate for Prothonotary TO THE VOTERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY:—

In submitting the foregoing announcement, it may seem superfluous to state that I was a candidate for the office of Prothonotary four years ago, without success, but with a record "always Republican." I accepted the situation, gracefully congratulated my successful competitor, Mr. Hepler, and gave him loyal support, together with the whole Republican ticket. Now then, it may not be out of place to recite a few facts, namely, that I was born on a farm in Southampton, Township, near Wellersburg, this county, Nov. 8, 1843; cast my first vote for Abraham Lincoln in the state of Virginia, November 8th, 1864, while serving as a Soldier Boy in the Union Army; attended five terms of public school, the last at Wellersburg, in 1865-66 when I had for a pupil one who since became the Judge of our Courts. I never held office, other than School Director in Somerset Borough to the extent of twenty-six and a half years and several yearly terms as Chairman of the Republican County Committee.

And now, to the end that new residents and the more youthful Republican voters of our county may be further informed with reference to the writer, who respectfully solicits the support and influence of Republicans at the Primary Election, Tuesday, September 21st, 1915 let me beg to advise that I was a member of the firm of Cook & Beertis, pioneer grocers of Somerset for one-third of a century, and that since my retirement therefrom, likewise to keep active and strenuous in the meantime, it has been my pleasure to act in the capacity of Secretary of the Somerset Mutual Fire Insurance Company and operator of the Cook Woolen Mills (formerly Kantner's Factory), one mile south of Somerset.


JONAS M. COOK Somerset, Pa., June, 1915.

## THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**JOHN ALLEN CLARK**, One of the best known residents of the Stonycreek valley, died at his home in Hooversville, Friday aged 84 years. Deceased was a native of that section and spent his entire life there. For many years he was a farmer and more recently had conducted the Coal Exchange Hotel. Mr. Clark was a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the I. O. O. F. and the Christian Church, of Hooversville. Surviving are his widow and the following children: Irvin George and Mrs. John Kenney, all of Johnstown; Joshua, Rolson and Freeman Mrs. Amaniah Rodgers and Mrs. Robert Pebley, all of Hooversville. Funeral services were held Sunday morning, Rev. Morris officiating.

**JOHN P. BROWN**, A resident of Elk Lick township near Boynton, died on Monday from stomach trouble. He was aged 66 years and one day. Mr. Brown, who was a farmer, leaves his wife and nine sons and daughters. The deceased was a member of the Church of the Brethren. The funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m., on Wednesday. Elder Hostetler officiating. Interment was made in the Hostetler cemetery.

**MRS. LILLIAN B. WALKER**, Wife of George B. Walker, died Tuesday of last week at her home at Coal Run, from tuberculosis, aged 25 years. Three children survive. Funeral was held on Thursday. Interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Salisbury. Reich & Son, undertakers.

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

Rev. and Mrs. Angus returned on Wednesday from their wedding trip; they expect to spend the summer at Kendall's in Greenville township.

A few letter heads and Envelopes don't cost much here.

## AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR GARRETT

**Seven Persons Injured and Wife of Sheriff Hochard Perhaps Fatally, When Car Overturned**

Seven persons were injured last Sunday evening near Garrett while returning from Frostburg where they attended a ball game. Mrs. C. F. Hochard wife of the sheriff of Somerset was seriously, probably fatally injured, she having received a fracture of the skull, a broken nose and internal injuries. She was taken to Garrett where surgical aid was given by Drs. Pollard and McClellan after which she was taken to her home in Somerset.

The party traveled in an auto driven by Mr. Meager. The accident occurred on a road leading from Garrett to Meyersdale about three miles from Garrett. Their automobile had just passed a car driven by Harold Merrill, of Garrett, when the accident occurred. The Somerset machine suddenly in some way or other ran into a bank at the side of the road, overturning all of the occupants. They were placed in another car and taken to Somerset where they all reside.

Those besides Mrs. Hochard, who were injured were:—Mrs. Point, Centre, cut and bruised on head and body; Mrs. David Miller, cut and bruised on head; Mrs. Frank Braugher, cut and bruised; Wilfred Braugher, aged 3 years, cut on head; Miss Helen Brunner, cut and bruised; Edward Meager, cut and bruised on the head and temporarily deranged.

## MANY JUNE WEDDINGS IN SOMERSET COUNTY

**COUGHENOUR—SMITH**—A very pretty wedding took place Tuesday at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of Northampton township, when their daughter, Miss Annie Matilda, was united in marriage with Mr. Ross Otto Coughenour, of Mt. Savage.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alfred Schick Kresge. The bridesmaid was Miss Sarah Coughenour, sister of the groomsmen, Wm. H. Smith, brother of the bride. The flower girl was Miss Loreen A. Poorbaugh, a cousin of the bride.

Many beautiful gifts were received by the happy couple. They left on a honeymoon trip to Washington, D. C. and other eastern points of interest.

The following guests were present: Rev. A. S. Kresge, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Purbaugh, of Confluence; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Purbaugh, and son, Clarion, of Connellsville; Misses Edna and Anna Purbaugh, of Johnstown; Mrs. Jas. Sivits and daughter, Ella, of Connellsville; Miss Catherine Coughenour, sister of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith and children, Robert, Annie and Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Zinn and children, Carl and George, of Cumberland; Mrs. Harry Smith and daughter Ada; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Cook and children, Mary, Catherine and James of Meyersdale.

### ERLER—NEVIN.

The Rev. John Erler, pastor of the Rockwood Lutheran Church, on Wednesday of last week, met at Cumberland, Miss Rosa Nevin, of New York, and they were married at that place. After several days in eastern cities they returned to their home at Rockwood, where Dr. Erler had a beautiful parsonage ready, the house having recently been repaired and painted and fully equipped with all the modern conveniences.

### HIS HIP WAS BROKEN.

S. S. Rickard, of Rockwood, accompanied by his family and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rickard, of Blain, Pa., left Saturday for Pittsburgh. When a few miles from the Smoky City the car skidded and turned turtle throwing the occupants to the road. J. C. Rickard was taken to Pittsburgh to a hospital for treatment for a broken hip bone. The remainder of the occupants were badly shaken up and bruised.

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### FINE CABINET FOR MINISTERS' USE.

Rev. J. C. Matteson, pastor of the Methodist church in this place, after a great deal of labor has perfected a Card Index Church Record Cabinet which is a splendid adjunct for any church minister, in the keeping of the records of a church.

A company has been formed here for the manufacture of these cabinets with Howard Phillips as secretary. The system has just been launched and already there have been inquiries concerning it from Maine to California as the result of a couple of ad and some circulars sent out.

One of the cabinets is on exhibition in the Hartley-Clutton store window. The ministers, who have carefully examined the plan are highly pleased over the system, and no doubt in a short time there will be quite a demand and some circulars sent out.

### NEW ORGANIZATION

**CEMENT VAULT COMPANY**—On Monday the company which had been manufacturing cement vaults at this place was reorganized with J. E. Klingaman as president and Charles Kocher as secretary. The name of the new company is The Cement Improved Vault Company.

It is purposed erecting a building 20 by 40 feet back of the Johnson Marble yard located on Salisbury St. The company manufactures a vault to be placed in the grave that will be air-tight and water proof. The thickness of the cement is about three inches. This is manufactured in the factory and then placed in the grave. The cover is sealed on after the casket containing the remains is placed in its last resting place.

### YOUNKIN—HAUGER.

Clarence Younkun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Younkun, and Miss Ollie Hauger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hauger, both of Rockwood, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday evening. They will make their home in Rockwood.

### GLESSNER—DARR.

At Sippsville, by Rev. C. A. McDowell, of the Church of the Brethren, Miss Carrie P. Darr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Darr, of Lincoln township, and James S. Glessner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson D. Glessner, of Stonycreek township. The young couple have both been popular teachers in Lincoln township. They left for a honeymoon trip to Washington and other eastern cities.

### STULL—HESS.

Miss Ida Stull and Alfred R. Hess, both of Johnstown, were married by Rev. H. B. Burkholder. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Stull, of Stonycreek township, and for some time has been employed at Johnstown. They will make their home in Bedford.

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### GROWALL—BRANT.

Henry E. Growall son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Growall, of Black township and Miss Iva Brant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brant, of Millford township, were united in marriage Sunday evening, at the home of J. R. Shanks, Rockwood, by the Rev. John Erler.

### FOR SHERIFF, JAS. T. BERKEY.

Jas. T. Berkey, of Davidsville, who is a candidate for the office of Sheriff on the Republican ticket, was a visitor in this end of the county a part of last week. Mr. Berkey is a man who impresses those whom he meets as possessing the qualities of decision, sincerity, courage and ability as those qualities pertain to the office to which he aspires. He believes in forgetting mere individuals when the duties of his office calls for hewing straight to the line.

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### RECENT HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTY.

The funeral of Clarence A. Swank, of Johnstown, took place at Stoyestown, Monday afternoon. He died of tubercular trouble, aged 22 years.

During an electric storm recently the large barn owned by Wm. Taysman, Lavansville, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. A calf and some chickens were burned.

A play, "The Kingdom of Heart's Content," will be produced by young people of Rockwood early in July. Rehearsals are being held under the direction of Prof. H. S. Wolfersberg.

The Mercy Hospital, at Johnstown, will be enlarged by a new addition to the building sufficient to accommodate 200 additional patients. The board of directors at a recent meeting authorized plans to be drawn for the extension.

The Stoyestown Civic League has petitioned council to oil the streets setting forth that the dust kicked up by motor cars is more annoying this year than ever before and that it is a menace to the health of the community.

Following a hearing in Johnstown, Orville Ripple, aged 21, and Lester Fisher, aged 18, were committed to jail on a charge of arson preferred by the Wilmore Coal company. It is alleged Ripple and Fisher burned a dwelling house in Stonycreek township, near Walnut Grove, owned by this concern, the fire occurring last January 25th.

An examination will be held on August 5th and 6th in the high school building at Somerset for all persons seeking permanent state certificates. All applicants desiring to take the examination for permanent certificates should notify M. R. Schrock, president of the Committee, Shanksville, Pa., on or before July 10th.

Joe Drupolo's decapitated body was found Sunday morning along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks at Maple Ridge mines, between Polesapple and Ponswell. The head of the dead man was lying between the rails several feet from the body which was on the surface of the track. It is thought the unfortunate man was run down last Saturday night.

The annual Somerset county First Aid Meet will be held at Boswell this year instead of Somerset. The meet will be held on Saturday, September 4th, and will be an all-day event. It is said that Boswell is the center of territory employing more miners than any other community in the county and this is assigned as reason for making a change in the location of the place for holding the meet.

Judge Ruppel has announced that the twelve cases in equity resulting from the manipulations of Harvey M. Berkeley, the fugitive secretary of the Somerset Telephone Co., will be taken up in court at Somerset, July 6 with Judge Singleton Bell, of Clearfield County, on the bench. These are the cases in which, it is alleged, Berkeley increased the number of shares of stock represented on certificates, or issued duplicates, which he deposited as collateral security for large sums of money he borrowed.

Mine Foreman J. B. Kirkpatrick lost his life last Wednesday by electrocution in the Pretoria mine, near Polesapple in trying to save Losti Solders from death. The latter was able to be about the next day, little the worse for his injuries. He said that he used a file in connecting the signal wires in the mine, which causes bell to ring on the tippie and that is the last that he can remember until he regained consciousness. It is believed that Solders mistook the power line for the signal wire and that he received the full force of the current, being found by Foreman Kirkpatrick while in a condition of unconsciousness. Kirkpatrick attempted the rescue of the man and received the shock. The body of Kirkpatrick was taken to Carrolltown for interment in St. Benedict's cemetery.

### SURPRISE PARTY.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Mrs. Mahlon Pugh, Tuesday evening, at her home, near Berkley Mills, it being the 26th anniversary of her natal day. About forty-two of her friends walked in unannounced and proceeded to take possession of the home. A very delightful evening was spent by all and an elaborate supper was served. Mrs. Pugh received a number of very nice gifts.

All kinds of job work here.

## LARGE CLASS CONFIRMED

**Bishop Garvey Holds Impressive Services at the Catholic Church Then Went to MacDonalton.**

A very impressive service was held in St. Philip and James Catholic church in this place Sunday morning when Rt. Rev. Eugene Garvey, D. D. bishop of Altoona confirmed a large class of boys and girls and several adults. The services began at ten o'clock with high mass, the Rev. Fr. Thomas, of Cumberland, being the celebrant. In the confirmation service the bishop was assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Fr. Brady; the Rev. Fr. Quinn, of West Salisbury and the Rev. Fr. Thomas. The bishop gave a most excellent talk to the large congregation. At 2:30 in the afternoon the clergymen left for Macdonalton and were followed by a large delegation, requiring 20 automobiles to convey them thither. On arriving there they were met by the Pine Hill band and different societies and were escorted to the church which was far too small for the large concourse of people many being obliged to remain outside. Here, also the bishop confirmed a large class and spoke very encouragingly to the congregation which is made up principally of the foreign element. The Rev. Fr. Quinn is the pastor and is doing good work among these people. After the services they all returned to Meyersdale. The bishop remained over until Monday going from this place to Cumberland by auto.

## DIED ALONE IN THE WOODS

Just on the eve of her graduation from the Indiana State Normal school Miss Ida Rebecca Gallagher was called to her home in Somerset, Monday, by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Edward K. Gallagher, wife of the cashier of the First National bank. Mrs. Gallagher dropped dead of heart failure late Monday afternoon in a clump of woods between Jenner and Somerset. Her daughter was to have had part in a campus coronation and is heartbroken by the death. With her husband Mrs. Gallagher was traveling by automobile to her home, after visiting relatives at Jenner. At one point in the journey where the road skirts the woods, Mrs. Gallagher expressed her desire to gather some soil for her house ferns. She left the car and entered the woods. When she did not return presently her husband went after her and found her dead lying on the ground.

## CHAUTAUQUA GREAT SUCCESS

The second annual Chautauqua in Meyersdale closed its six days session last evening with enthusiastic feeling. In every way this year was an advancement over that of last year—in the weather, financially, in the program, attendance etc. if there be any etc.

That such was the case is not due to chance but to the incessant planning and working of the general committee and more especially to the direct officers—namely E. C. Kyle, W. H. Deeter, H. M. Cook, Chas. Griffith. The Chautauqua manager, Mr. Roller last evening complimented in good round words the zeal of the local organization and called for appreciation on the part of the big audience which was responded to with a sound round of applause.

Mr. H. M. Cook, the local secretary mounted the stage of the Chautauqua grounds and announced that the committee had already signed for the next year's work. This was received with an approving burst of applause. The course provided by the Lincoln Chautauqua for Meyersdale was excellent. The whole affair was a great success.

The tent was taken down immediately after the performance and the performers and all left at one o'clock for Bedford, their next point of engagement.

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