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## \$20,000 FIRE AT HOLSOPPLE

**Johnstown and Windber Fire Department Sunday Night Help to Save Other Properties but Baltimore & Ohio Station is Destroyed.**

Fire totally destroyed the three-story grist mill of the White Oak Milling Company and the B. & O. passenger and freight station at Holsopple between 10 and 11 o'clock Sunday night. Both properties are a total loss. In the destruction of the mill a large quantity of grain is reported to have been burned. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000.

Most of the residents of Holsopple were abed when the alarm was sounded but the character of the blaze was such that the firemen and a hastily formed bucket brigade were unable to cope with it and the best that they could do was to prevent the flames from communicating to adjoining buildings.

The Windber Fire Department was notified and made the run to Holsopple in record time only to find that its hose would not fit the water plugs and its apparatus was of no service. The Johnstown Fire Department sent a big auto truck covering the distance of ten miles in twenty minutes.

The destroyed mill was the property of the White Oak Milling Company, the principal owner being C. C. Zimmerman, of Holsopple.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station was an inexpensive wooden structure. A box car is now being used as a station. A depot will be erected that will be a credit to the town, it is hoped.

The origin of the fire is not known. Within a half hour from the time the fire was discovered, about 1,500 people were on the scene, coming in all manner of vehicles and afoot as well.

## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

The Republican voters of Somerset county are being interviewed by those who seek to serve the people in one of the various offices to be filled next November. But the real contest in this county will be at the primaries to be held in September, and now the race, of course is in the ranks of the Republicans to see who are to become the standard bearers of the party. So overwhelmingly large is the number of Republicans in the county, that those who receive the nomination of the party, are guaranteed their election six weeks later than that of the primaries.

Elsewhere in the columns of The Commercial is a list of the names of men whose merits for what duties they aspire to perform, deserve your prudent consideration. Try to meet these men. They have the ring of the true in their make-up.

JONAS M. COOK of Somerset, candidate for Prothonotary, in our last issue made a brief commentary on himself which must have caused his readers to stop and concede many things in his favor. Mr. Cook is back in the race with his former supporters by his side at present and is daily adding to that number.

W. H. HANNA, of Addison township announces his name for the important office of County Commissioner, and though the exactions of that office are marked, yet Mr. Hanna is a man of unusual ability with a keen insight into the needs of the people at large; back of this he has a character of unswerving integrity.

NOTE—The rush on press day precludes further mention in this issue of the other candidates of the list. Something worthy can and will be said about each in the next and subsequent issues of the Commercial. The Editor.

### GARRETT.

Farmers are busy making hay at present.

Mrs. George Weaver was taken to the Western Maryland Hospital in Cumberland a few days ago. After an examination it was found that her thigh bone was broken. According to late reports, she is improving as well as can be expected.

Mr. G. W. Oaks made a business trip to Maryland on Monday, return-

## AUTOISTS MAKE TRIP TO BEDFORD SPRINGS.

Four automobiles conveyed the following party on a trip to Bedford Springs on Wednesday, July 7: Frank Lichty and family and E. J. Walker, of Pine Hill; P. S. Baer and family; Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Baer, of Hay's Mill; C. E. Boyer and family of Meyersdale; C. B. Dickey and family and Mr. McClure, of Salisbury. The trip was made by way of Berlin, Roxbury and Downey, intersecting the Lincoln highway at the residence of M. D. Reel; from thence on the highway through Wardsburg and Schellsburg to Bedford; from Bedford on the Cumberland and Bedford road but two miles distant is the famous Bedford Springs. Near these springs along the mountain side at one o'clock was spread out the luncheon in which all participated in an unusually hearty manner, and which of course added much to the zest of the trip.

The party with exultant faces following a stay of about an hour started on the return journey by way of Centerville and Cumberland, one hour being spent at the latter place, after which the journey was resumed on the National pike, through Frostburg to the famous Old Stone House. From that point the way led to Salisbury, Meyersdale, Pine Hill where round of pleasure was ended, the distance covered being 106 miles.

Many interesting sights were passed and some bad roads, about nine miles made the better part of the way more appreciated. Grand View Point along the Lincoln Highway, west of Wardsburg, where we went by, is said to be the grandest of mountain scenery. Here the view is what its name proclaims, a grand view point over mountains, hills, lovely valleys and rugged ravines.

Another marked point of interest is an old cemetery about one mile west of Schellsburg in which stands a church building one hundred and six years old, having been built in the year 1809. The Bedford Springs of which mention has been made, is a most notable summer resort. These springs are of different kinds of water, mostly of medicinal value.

The crops along the route in valley, hill and mountain sides are quite varied, some very good and some of the opposite kind. The wheat between Bedford and Cumberland at that time was in shock while in other places the crops had not yet matured. The fruit crop is irregular and does not promise so well. E. J. Walker.

### GLENCOE.

C. W. Bittner and family of Meyersdale spent part of the week with the former's parents.

Rev. Kresge and wife were callers on parishoners here last week.

Dr. I. C. Miller is rustivating with his parents after completing his course as interne at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Milton Webreck and family are home at F. W. Webreck's for a fortnight, Alice Webreck too is home on a short vacation from the nurses' Training School in the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Elizabeth Leydig was hostess to the "M. A. S." Club of Meyersdale lassies from Wednesday to Friday. The girls enjoyed a Ford trip to Cumberland on Friday.

The Misses Cornwell and Fred Hummel of Cumberland were guests of Chas. Webreck at his country home over the week-end.

Merchant I. D. Leydig and daughter, Miss Leah, motored to Somerset on Wednesday on business.

Watch the work of that young men's class band of the Reformed S. S. and give them a warming on their first appearance on Sunday morning, July 18.

A new jitney buss for our city—Mrs. W. H. Miller is the chauffeur and the first passenger was "U. S." Frank Miller.

The young ladies of the town will serve ice cream and cake with other "eats" on Saturday evening, July 17. Invite yourself and tell your friends about this.

ing on Tuesday evening.

U. S. Shober and family spent several days this week in Pittsburg returning Tuesday evening. The trip was made in Mr. Shober's car.

W. H. Meyers was a business caller in town on Tuesday.

Candidates galore in town these days.

More than 1200 season tickets have already been sold for the Salisbury Chautauqua, which begins to-day.

## FARM BUREAU ASSURED

**Farmers, County Grange, Boards of Trade and Other Bodies Endorsed the Movement. Creates Interest Among Boys and Girls.**

At a preliminary meeting for the discussion of the farm bureau movement for Somerset county held in Somerset at the Court House last Saturday, it was evident that the farmers want a farm bureau. The movement was endorsed by farmers from every township in the county and the opinion was so unanimous from those present that there can be no doubt that Somerset County will have a Farm Bureau in the near future.

A. B. Ross, who was one of the first to take up that line of work among the farmers was present and addressed the farmers and the county commissioners. The speaker said that there are at present nineteen farm bureaus in the state and that there is a rising demand for them in all of the progressive counties.

The amount of business gained in this manner is surprising. The interest of the boys and the girls is quickened. The farmers who have attended the first meeting urge all farmers of the county be on hand at the next meeting.

## THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lape, of Garrett, on July 6, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in a manner highly befitting the occasion.

At 8:30 p. m., supper was served to all the guests in the social room of the Mt. Tabor Evangelical church, after which all adjourned to the Sunday School room where a very interesting program, lasting until 10:30 o'clock, was given.

Remarks were made by Rev. W. H. B. Carney, Walter Blair, B. S. Walker, W. W. Kistler, W. A. Merrill, N. J. Judy, H. Crissey, C. D. Fritz and F. C. Lape. B. S. Rush gave a solo; aquatette was sung by Rev. Carney and wife and C. D. Fritz and wife, and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Carney.

Besides the bride and groom of fifty years ago, the following were present: Their children, W. S. Lape and wife, Garrett; F. C. Lape and wife and Irwin Lape, Youngstown, O.; grandchildren, H. E. Devore, Garrett; Mrs. Bruce Byers, Miss Margaret Lape and Master Clyde Lape, Youngstown, O.

Other guests were: Mrs. Samuel Blair, Six Mile Run, Pa.; from Garrett, Rev. and Mrs. Carney, N. J. Judy wife and son, Ellwood; W. A. Merrill and wife, J. H. Nedrow and wife, P. B. Walker, wife and son Harold, Wallac Walker and wife, C. D. Fritz and wife, W. A. Lohr and wife, Conrad H. Crissey and wife, Walter Blair and wife, Chas. Stevenson and wife and son, Robert, Z. Walter and wife and daughter Naomi, C. S. Claar and wife, Perry Sheeler, wife and children, Howard, Ernest and Grace, S. P. Lease and wife, Mrs. Sarah Devore; Mrs. W. M. Clements, Mrs. W. M. Curry, Miss Della Kearney, Miss Elsie Satterfield, Miss Emma Schrock, Miss Gertrude Schrock, Mr. Clyde Satterfield, Master Ned Black.

A number of handsome gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. Lape which they greatly appreciated. The occasion was a delightful one, indeed and much enjoyed by all present.

### DEATHS IN COUNTY.

#### PIERCE REAM.

Pierce Ream, aged 62 years, died at his home in Berlin, Thursday morning following a brief sickness. Three weeks ago he contracted a heavy cold which developed into pneumonia. He was a son of Charles Ream, who died at Berlin, last February. Before becoming a resident of Berlin he operated a farm at Brotherton. He is survived by his wife and two children: Mrs. Austin Pritts, of Brothersvalley township, and William M. Ream, of Stonycreek township. He is also survived by three brothers: Benjamin, Charles and William, all of Jefferson township, and two sisters: Mrs. Henry Gumbert, of Brothersvalley township, and Mrs. W. P. Brant, of Somerset. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon.

## PENNSYLVANIA'S GOVERNOR'S SERMON SUNDAY.

Many in Meyersdale had been looking forward for months to the promised visit of Hon. M. G. Brumbaugh, Governor of Pennsylvania, to these parts. It had been well known that he intended to be in Meyersdale on the Lord's Day and it was earnestly hoped that he would speak twice when in this vicinity or at least give an afternoon address when the churches were closed, in the open air where all who desired could hear him. But when the governor's program had its final setting, he made it very clear that he could speak but once and that at 10:30 a. m. for he was obliged to leave for Harrisburg at 1:00 p. m. Sunday.

The whole community heard of the arrival of the governor on Saturday afternoon being a guest at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Black at Holland Farm, and many no doubt retired earlier than usual to make sure of getting up in time to arrive at the Church of the Brethren to provide themselves with a good seat where the chief executive of the state was scheduled to speak at 10:30 a. m.

On Sunday morning though the roads were not good because of a heavy shower early Sunday morning and though it rained more at the time for the assembling of the people, yet they came on foot, in autos, and in other conveyances, from all parts, as far as Somerset and Hooversville, till the church yard was packed with vehicles and the building with people before the hour of service. In order to seat as many as many as possible, the audience room had been crowded with extra benches and chairs so that more than 600 people were accommodated with seats, the steps at the pulpit being filled with children, the sides of the room and the vestibule being crowded with people who could not find seats. But few went away because they could not see or hear the distinguished speaker yet there were hundreds who did not essay to go at all believing that they would be among the number who would go there and be turned away.

The usual Sunday School program was necessarily dispensed with and the hour was easily and profitably filled with short addresses on the lesson and on other themes from Prof. H. H. Saylor, Roscoe, Pa., Mr. W. W. Cupps, of Geiger, Prof. J. C. Beam, of Salisbury, who also led the singing at both services and the Rev. W. M. Howe, the pastor.

Before the service the Governor called on Bishop C. G. Lint, retired pastor of the local Church of the Brethren. The Bishop now blind and occupying the parsonage quite near the church is held in high esteem by the governor because of a pleasant acquaintance that has existed for quite a stretch of years.

The Governor was escorted to the church by Mr. Black, whose guest he was and to the pulpit by the local pastor, Rev. W. M. Howe. Seats had been reserved for the governor's party. On the platform also were seated Elders Gnagay and J. W. Peck of Meyersdale; Dr. R. T. Pollard, of Garrett, and Rev. Angus, of Washington, D. C., the latter leading in the opening prayer.

The governor chose as his text: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me," emphasizing the word "me" and while the scriptures had been read in that day the listeners were stirred by the manner in which the Savior read and expounded God's word. The fact was noted that this first public address of this young man was given to the home folks who knew him best, yet with the clearest conscience the governor spoke very feelingly of the importance of keeping in touch with mother and father and the old home with its environments and early associations and of young people so conducting themselves in their early days and later as well so that they would always be pleased at the thought of going home to meet the good friends of early days.

The thorough preparation of this young man for life was dwelt upon in a helpful way and we are sure that all of the young people that heard the plea were inclined more than ever to prepare well for life's work.

While Jesus waited until he was of the Jewish proper age to begin his life ministry he lost no time to improve every opportunity to accomplish his work. Let us likewise be "minute men" for God. The speaker closed his very excellent address with an inspiring tribute to the Savior of the World who is to be man's

## MRS. NAUGLE REALLY SURPRISED.

Sometimes surprises are only so-called. However, Mrs. J. F. Naugle, wife of our postmaster had the genuine article meted out to her on Monday evening at her home on Main street, by the ladies of her Bible class, of the Lutheran church. After their arrival at the home, the 27 ladies remained silent, for some space of time, until Mrs. Naugle was called in; then there was the opposite of silence for the space of three hours. In other words a most delightful evening was spent. The guests brought an abundance along that none might go away hungry. Those present were: Mesdames J. H. Ebbecke, C. G. Knieriem, Edgar Kyle, N. Klingaman, M. Saylor, E. E. Klingaman, D. H. Ford, Jno. Albright, Jas. Darnley, Ida Staub, H. G. Stahl, Ray Stahl, W. B. Groff, H. G. Will, Cyrus Baer, Wilson Beal, C. W. Baldwin, James Wilson Hannah Mervine, Matilda Benford, Walter Plitt; Misses Lucinda Geiger, Cora Knepp, Matilda Knepp, Myrtle Saylor, Maggie Baer, Lillie Baer, Daisy Ebbecke.

### FORMER PASTOR TO BE HERE.

Rev. Dr. C. L. E. Cartwright, pastor of the Methodist church here in '85 and '86, now pastor of the Mary S. Bowman Memorial Church in Pittsburg, is expected here on Sunday evening to preach.

Dr. Cartwright will open the Chautauqua at Salisbury on Sunday morning with a sermon. He is a lecturer of note.

### BETTER SINGING.

The Church of the Brethren, Rev. W. M. Howe, pastor, has engaged the services of Prof. J. C. Beahm of Salisbury to meet all lovers of sacred song at 6:30 p. m. each Lord's Day for a service of song.

## GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH'S VISIT TO MEYERSDALE.

Meyersdale and vicinity were honored last Saturday and Sunday by the presence of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, the host and hostess of the occasion being Mr. and Frank B. Black, personal friends of the chief executive, at their commodious and well appointed home at Holland Farm, about three miles from town.

Not at all selfish, Mr. and Mrs. Black, desirous that their very many friends should share with them the occasion and not to make it exclusive, issued a sort of a general invitation that any who desired to call would be welcomed.

The governor made the trip to this place, about 150 miles, in his handsome Pierce-Arrow car arriving at four o'clock. Judge and Mrs. W. H. Ruppel were guests at the evening meal, at the Black home.

But dinner was hardly over before

### VIM.

Misses Mary Bangard and Ethel Spence spent Thursday of last week with friends at Salisbury.

Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., of Meyersdale visited at the home of Mrs. Henry Bangard last Thursday.

Mrs. C. W. Tressler and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Engle spent last Sunday at Coal Run with Frank Thomas.

Henry Brown is helping to build a house for J. E. Geiger at Wittenberg at present.

Fremont Fike and D. M. Lee made a business trip to Wittenberg on last Monday.

Miss Mary Bangard left for Baltimore last Friday to resume her work in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyer and Miss Mamie Klingaman of Berkeley Mills spent last Sunday at the home of Bruce Fike.

Milton Shunk and family of Lariertown township spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shunk.

Misses Sarah and Rilla Nicholson spent Wednesday of last week at the home of Richard Nicholson.

### Try our fine job work.

exemplar.

Hundreds of friends and others were eager to shake the governor's hand and they did so, but as soon as the party could get to their cars, they hurried back to the home of the host and hostess of the governor.

Our job work merits "Fine!"

## YOUNG HORSE THIEVES TAKEN

**Two Boys Rounded Up Here After Getting Animals From Piedmont Liveryman and Joining Wild West Show. Local Police Help Trace Them.**

Two young horse thieves were rounded up here last Saturday morning through Special Police H. R. Stotler and Liveryman Kerns, of Piedmont, W. Va., and our local police and are now in the Piedmont jail as the result of their escapade.

On July 1, two strange young men about 20 years of age, who later gave their names as Raymond Wilson, of Pittsburg, and John Cook, of New Jersey, hired two horses from Liveryman W. B. Kerns, of Piedmont, saying they were going to a camp for two days. When three days had passed and they had not returned Mr. Kerns began tracing them and found that they had stayed all night near here and traded one horse for a pony at Mahlon Fike's. They were traced to Rockwood, Connelisville, Jeannette and back to Connelisville, where they joined a Wild West show.

On last Saturday morning the young miscreants were captured by the Piedmont men and U. B. Fuller, of town in a tent of the Wild West show at Connelisville. They were dressed as Mexicans and upon the appearance of the men to arrest them, one drew his revolver but it was knocked out of his hand before he could use it. He later said he thought the men were town rowdies trying to fight.

After they were brought to Meyersdale, Clyde Ickes, of town, drove the party to Piedmont.

### COUNTY TREASURER.

Mr. A. E. Cassler, of Holsopple,



announced himself as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, September 21.

For the past thirty years, Mr. Cassler has had wide experience in Mercantile and Banking business, and has proven successful in both enterprises. He is capable of filling the office and respectfully solicits your support.



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