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UNION SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER

Very Interesting Program For Unitd Worship In the Different Churches of Meyersdale.

Next week, the first week of the New Year, practically all of the churches in the United States will in some manner observe The Week of Prayer. In Meyersdale, the Brethren, Church of the Brethren, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed congregations will join in a series of union meetings to be held in the church edifices of these various congregations from Monday to Friday evenings, inclusive.

A series of interesting and practical topics has been assigned and it is expected that the meetings will create as much interest as such meetings have in past years when crowded houses have been customary.

A layman has been appointed to take charge of each service as Leader. He will in each case conduct the service through, leading in the devotional exercises and taking charge of the general discussion. One of the pastors of the co-operating congregations will deliver a short address upon the topic of the evening at each service, then the topic will be thrown open to general discussion. All persons who will discuss the topics in seriousness are invited to participate in the general discussion but, no speech in this part of the service is expected to be more than five minutes in length.

An offering will be received each evening which will be used in its entirety for charitable purposes. Most of this money, and perhaps all of it, will be used for local charity as there are some very needy and very worthy cases in the local community.

Following is the program:
Monday Evening, Jan. 3.
In the Brethren Church: Topic—"What the Christian Owe to God." Leader, H. M. Cook; speaker, Rev. W. M. Howe.

Tuesday Evening, Jan. 4.
In the Church of the Brethren: Topic—"What the Christian owes to the Church." Leader, Milton Gnagey; Speaker, Dr. A. E. Truxal.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 5.
In the Lutheran Church: Topic—"What the Christian owes to the Community." Leader, Clarence Moore; Rev. J. C. Matteson.

Thursday Evening, Jan. 6.
In the Methodist Church: Topic—"What the Christian owes to the Nation." Leader, Paul D. Clutton; speaker, Rev. D. W. Michael.

Friday Evening, Jan. 7.
In the Reformed Church: Topic—"What the Christian owes to the World." Leader, F. A. Bitter; speaker, Rev. H. L. Goughnour.
The meetings will open at 7:30.

MANY DEATHS IN COUNTY

Some Friends Whom You Knew and Loved Who Have Passed Away Recently in This Vicinity.

LYDIA MAE DURR.
Lydia Mae, daughter of William Durr, of Pochontas, died on December 23, 1915, aged 10 years, 8 months and 2 days. Her mother preceded her in death by seven years. It was about four years ago that little Mae was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Struble of Frostburg, where she had a good home and was well cared for. Over a year ago she began having hemorrhages of the nose and the age of five she was taken to a hospital in Baltimore for treatment, where she received the best of attention but death claimed her has his own, her beautiful spirit passing to the God who gave it. This fair blossom, called away from earth ere her life was scarce begun, gave promise of much usefulness. She was a favorite at the hospital because of her loving disposition and quick intelligence. She has left an impress for good on all who knew her. Her body was brought to Pochontas on Sunday morning, and funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. A. S. Kresge after which the remains were placed in their final resting place in the Greenville cemetery.

LYDIA MAE DURR.
Died at his home in Sand Patch on December 23rd, from dropsy. Three weeks before his death he was in Meyersdale and his relatives here realized his precarious condition. He was aged 55 years, 9 months and 16 days. He was a son of John and Mary Ravenscraft, now deceased.

Mr. Ravenscraft was well liked by his acquaintances. He was a farmer by occupation. His immediate family consisted of himself and wife, they having no children. The following brothers and sisters survive him besides his wife: Mrs. J. H. Lindeman, Mrs. M. J. Livengood, of Meyersdale; Mrs. M. J. Kerrigan of Conneville; Mrs. J. O. Ravenscraft; Howard, Theodore of Sand Patch; J. T. Ravenscraft of Vale Summit, Md.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. D. W. Michael of the Lutheran church of Meyersdale and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

JOHN H. WILL.
A well-known and highly respected resident of Stonybrook township and a veteran of the Civil War, died at Downey recently from the effect of a paralytic stroke suffered some weeks ago, later followed by an attack of pleurisy. He was aged 70 years, 3 months and one day. The deceased was a son of the late William and Sarah Lowry Will. He spent about all of his life near where he died. His wife who survives him was Miss Katherine Engle. He was a member of the Glade Reformed Church and was much esteemed in the community. The following sons and daughters are living: Susan, wife of John Glessner, of Waterloo, Iowa; Naomi, wife of Chas. Schmucker of Downey; Ida, wife of Edward Miller of Glade; and Elizabeth, married and living in Johnstown. The following are brothers and sisters: Edward Will of Shanksville; Daniel Will of near Stoyestown; Mrs. John Will and Mrs. George Boyer of Downey.

JOHN A. WABLE.
Died December 16 near Boliver, Pa. where he was employed in a lumber camp, aged 59 years. Mr. Wable was a son of David and Sarah Ankeny Wable, pioneer residents of Black township, who resided on the farm now owned and occupied by William H. Welmer. He was twice married his first wife having been Sabina Eliza Sanner, a daughter of the late Levi Sanner. To this union were born—Etta, wife of E. J. Welmer of Rockwood and Viola, deceased. His first wife dying, after some years, he married Julia Shaffer of Somerset. Miss Gladys Wable of Windber is a surviving daughter. The following brothers and sisters are living: Hiram Wable of Rockwood; Mrs. Lydia Miller of Ralpton; and Mrs. Isalah Miller, of Davenport, Nebraska.

The body was brought to Rockwood for interment.

PASSING OF GRANT KENDALL

Prominent Man, Native of Somerset County, Dies at Michigan Sanitarium. His Career a Very Successful One.

U. S. Grant Kendall, one of Somerset's native citizens, who had gone forth from home and achieved success, died in the prime of life on Christmas evening at the St. Joseph Sanitarium, Mt. Clemens, Mich. at the age of 49 years, 2 months and 29 days. Mr. Kendall was born in Greenville township, his father being the late John Kendall. Early in life the young man began to prepare himself educationally for the career of an attorney. He attended school at the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, then entered the West Virginia State University at Morgantown; at this time in his career he accepted the principalship of the Somerset borough schools, continuing there for one year. With his chosen profession in mind he entered Yale University and remained there until he had completed both the classical course and that of law. He began the practice of his profession at Fairmont, W. Va. and later was the choice of the people for mayor of that thriving city. As his legal qualifications became known, he was elected to the bench, serving as judge in the intermediate courts. Subsequently Judge Kendall resided in Detroit where he was succeeding in a marked degree. Some time ago Mr. Kendall became afflicted with cancer of the intestines. He was taken to the hospital where he died and while two very critical operations were performed but to no purpose. His physician at the sanitarium was Dr. Berry who is a brother of the Bishop.

There were with Mr. Kendall during his last days, his brother, Hon. S. A. Kendall, his sister, Miss Mattie and his nephew Leroy Rembold. The remains were brought to Meyersdale on Monday and taken to the home of Mr. Samuel Kendall in charge of Undertaker Reich. On Wednesday afternoon funeral services were held at the house conducted by Rev. D. W. Michael and also at the Hochstetter church by Rev. E. K. Hochstetter after which interment was made in the family burial plot at that place. The pall bearers were six nephews of the deceased: The two sons of Mr. S. A. Kendall, Jno. W. of Haverford College and Samuel A. Jr., of Washington and Lee University; Eugene, son of Mr. J. L. Kendall, of Pittsburg, who is also a student at Haverford; Leroy Rembold, of Detroit, and Chas. Decker, of Meyersdale, assistant at the B. & O. station at this place.

Mr. Grant Kendall never married. The surviving brothers and sisters are: John C. Kendall, of Oakland, Md.; Hon. Samuel Kendall, of Meyersdale; Mrs. Joseph E. Baker, of Sand Patch; Mrs. Jno. W. Baker, Meyersdale; Mrs. Jno. H. Rembold, of Sand Patch; Miss Mattie Kendall, principal of Ward schools at Homestead.

U. S. Grant Kendall's chief business qualifications in addition to his thorough preparation, was that he was attentive to a high degree, in anything entrusted to his care. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

LEFT AID AT THE WRONG HOUSE EVENTUALLY.

On returning from his work as engineer on the B. & O. Sunday evening his family being away from home, Mr. G. A. Wagaman, of 223 Broadway found a large basket well provisioned sitting on the back porch, filled with sausage, eggs, cakes, preserves etc. As Mr. Wagaman enjoys a snug salary of nigh on to \$200 per month, he feels that the basket missed getting to its original destination. He is willing to pass it on to some one in need when once he is assured that no one else will be disappointed in the matter. Or if it was intended for him he would like to know the donor in order to extend his thanks. Will anyone who can give any light upon the subject either communicate with this office or with Mr. Wagaman?

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NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE UP DUTIES

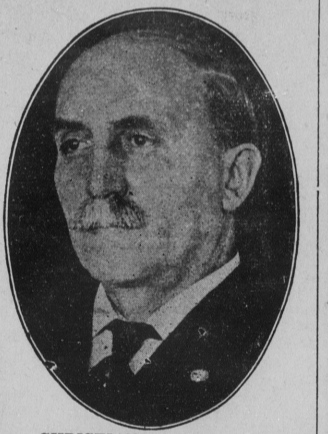
Brief Sketches of Those Who Will Handle Public Matters for Somerset County The Coming Term.

On Saturday, January 1, 1916, there will be a complete change of the county officials with the exception of that of the district attorney.

The office of sheriff will be in the hands of Lester G. Wagner, of Somerset. Mr. Wagner has made himself a name as county detective and from the record he has made, it looks as if violators of the law will be simply winked at, and that all will receive justice at his hands.



DANIEL W. WELLER.
Clerk of Courts, Daniel W. Weller is certainly well qualified for the duties of his office. In these days of type writers the subject of penmanship does not receive the attention that it once received. Mr. Weller writes a superior hand that would give index to a straight clean man. He promises to give the work of his office his personal attention and he will be glad to receive and welcome any one who has occasion to come to the county seat.



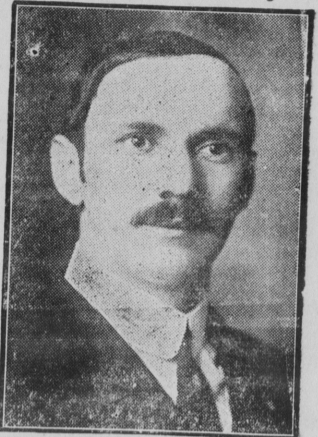
CHRISTIAN H. SHOCKEY.
The county commissioners elected are C. H. Shockey of Stoyeston, and William J. Glessner, of Somerset, both Republicans and Joseph B. Miller, Democrat. These are men who are noted for their sterling qualities and as each has managed his own affairs successfully, he is entitled to direct the business of the county. All predict a good, strong and clean administration with the present board of county commissioners. They have as yet not made public whom they have

Chas. I. Shaver, the recently elected Register of Wills, of Somerset, is a man well known in the county and from his legal knowledge, he is well qualified to pass upon the technicalities which his new calling will involve.

Mr. Jonas M. Cook, a veteran of the Civil war, is a man who because of He has had to do with business to a pretty extensive degree which will He has had to do with business in a pretty extensive degree which will serve him well in his new field of work. He is a man who is universally well thought of. He surely will fit the office.

The county auditors— Jos. C. Miller, Edward L. Fox and C. W. Bremel-sen, will see to it that the business of the county has a proper check at this point.

300-POUND CHEESE AT THE PFAHLER COMPANY STORE, LEAVE YOUR ORDERS NOW.



JOHN E. CUSTER.
When John E. Custer came out for office, he was perhaps, the most active candidate in the field. Mr. Custer has the reputation of being earnest in business and when he is sworn into office as Recorder of Deeds, his end of the county work will be well taken care of and all will receive courteous treatment at his hands.

John W. Rephorn, who as treasurer, will have charge of the funds of the county, is a man who has done considerable clerical work in his time. Physically he is disabled from doing manual labor. He is a man of integrity he will see to it that his figures do not lie.



JOHN W. REPHORN.
Mr. Rephorn has just returned from Chicago where he had been receiving treatment from a noted specialist and feels he has been quite benefited.

It is said that Miss Ruth Glessner who has been the very efficient clerk in the prothonotary's office for the past past four years under Mr. Heiple will be retained by the latter's successor, Mr. Jonas M. Cook.

It is reported that Edward Hancock an insurance man of Windber will receive the appointment of county detective to succeed L. G. Wagner when he assumes the duties of Sheriff.

District Attorney Virgil R. Saylor, who so successfully conducted the cases of the Commonwealth during the last term has been retained by the voters to succeed himself. With him the office is not a venture but an experience.

John C. Miller and Jacob Dietz are the men to look after the affairs at the county home and it's no small job that they have upon their hands. It is believed that the business will be carefully conducted during the present term.

WANTED—At once at this office a young man or two who has some knowledge of the printing trade.

SOCIETY'S DOINGS HOLIDAY WEEK

YULE TIDE DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS ON TUESDAY.

The annual Yule-tide Ball, given by the younger social set, was the crowning event of the holiday week in Meyersdale.

Reich's Auditorium, again the scene of a festive occasion, was tastefully decorated with red and green lights, holly and other evergreens.

Wierd and entrancing music was furnished by Prof. Lew. Bittner's syndicate of musicians and the young folks "tripped the light fantastic toe" until a late hour. Refreshments were served about midnight by Scott & Co., the local caterers.

Chairman Stotler of the dance committee must be congratulated for his efforts which terminated so satisfactorily. Those present from other towns were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Quillman of Norristown, Pa.; Nina and Thersa Pike of Confluence; Emma Merrill of Garrett; Florence Maust of Salisbury; Cynthia Ross of Addison, Grace McClellan and Florence Dull of Rockwood; Messrs. Ernest Lenood, Dr. Lloyd U. Loechel, Merle Baldwin and Clay Newman of Salisbury; John Locke and Earle Miller of Rockwood; Harry Brumbaugh of Greencastle; Chas. Merrill of Garrett; Wm. Barnhart of Wheelin, W. Va., Milton Stuart of Somerset; DeForest and Edward Ludwig of Pittsburg.

MISS BLACK ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF BRIDE.

Among the leading social events of the holiday week was a "Telephone Tea," given Wednesday afternoon by Miss Mary Black, of Front street, to meet Mrs. R. Roy West, of Somerset, a recent bride, her sister, Miss Hester Myers, of Charleston, W. Va., and Miss Roberta Reger, of Buckhannon, W. Va.

The hours were from two thirty to four.

The Black home presented a pretty picture with its decorations of holiday, red and green, making an appropriate setting for the lovely groups of the charming young guests.

ACOSTA MINER KILLED LAST TUESDAY.

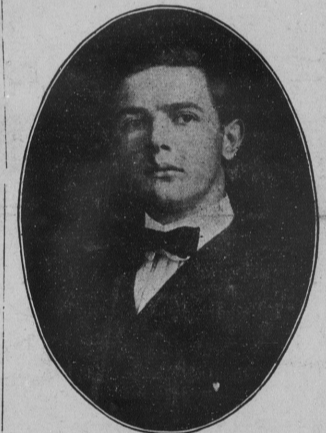
Struck by a pole on his motor Tuesday afternoon in the Consolidation mine at Acosta, William Morgan, aged 19 years, was instantly killed.

Morgan's motor was being taken from the runway for repairs when the accident occurred. The young man did not see the pole as it swung around and caught him on the back breaking his neck.

The unfortunate man leaves a widow and one child.

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CLAUDE WELCH

It came as a great surprise when Prof. Claude Welch of the Meyersdale public schools whose home is at Friends made known that he would resign his position as head of the grammar grades to accept a quite remunerative clerical position. His new work only lately was made public and that is he is to be the deputy for Mr. John E. Custer the new Recorder of Deeds.

Prof. Welch has four years experience in teaching. He taught with marked success a summer Normal for teachers. While teaching in the district in which Mr. Custer was a director, Mr. Welch showed such qualities of mind that caused Mr. Custer to easily select Mr. Welch as his assistant. Mr. Welch above all is careful and his intellectual qualities will make him an excellent official.

FAMILY MEETS WITH SORE BEREAVEMENT.

The family of Mr. John Hertzog of Garrett has been sorely distressed from typhoid fever, death claiming two of its members. A 19-year old daughter died at the Markleton sanitarium about two weeks ago and the mother died a few days ago at the same institution. A little three-year old child is just convalescing from the disease.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GIVES ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

When the secretary of the Methodist Sunday School last Sabbath was reading her report on collection and attendance she gave the school a real thrill by reading, Mrs. Black's class collection \$100. This was obtained by the young ladies of the class and their teacher, Mrs. J. Milton Black by conducting a bazaar.

SPECIAL SATURDAY SALE.

Every Saturday in January and February we will have some article of food at a Special Price, and every Saturday there will be something different. Watch for it at POORBAUGH & BOWSER'S Meat Market.