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CONSIDERING THE TRANS-COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT

Committee Appointed to Further splendid Road Plan Met With the County Commissioners Last Friday at Somerset. Want Authority to Proceed.

GREAT VALUE OF THE CONTEMPLATED HIGHWAY.

On Friday morning at Somerset a special committee, composed of J. C. Brydon, F. J. Kooser, James McKelvy, Isaiah Good, J. H. Beerits, W. Curtis Truxal, C. L. Shaver, Capt. C. J. Harrison and Robt. S. Scull, all members of the Somerset Board of Trade, met with County Commissioners W. J. Glessner, C. H. Shockey and J. E. Miller to discuss the construction of a trans-county highway connecting the Lincoln Highway with the National Highway and passing through Meyersdale. Each present gave his views and spoke strongly in favor of the project and ex-Judge Kooser voiced the sentiments of the committee when he stated that county road construction must be started some time and that there could be no better time than the present when all seem to stand as one man for the building of necessary roads that will be open for travel every month and day of the year.

Special stress was laid on the suggested south county road, leading from Jennertown to the Maryland state line as the one particular line that accommodate the greatest number of people and the greatest amount of traffic.

WEDDINGS IN THIS VICINITY.

MEYERS-STAHL.
Mr. Albert A. Meyers and Miss Etta Stahl by their quiet wedding unannounced to the public, on Friday evening, gave their friends quite a surprise. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. D. W. Michael at the Lutheran parsonage. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvye Stahl of Main street above the B. & O railroad and is an accomplished and charming young woman. She took an active part in church work and for one year was a clerk in the Woman's Store of Hartley-Clutton. The groom formerly lived in Meyersdale and later at Addison. The young couple will live at Wilkingsburg where Mr. Meyers has a good position.

LYNCH-MERVINE.
On Wednesday evening, February 3, at the Catholic parsonage, by Rev. Father Brady, Richard Lynch and Miss Elizabeth Mervine, two of Meyersdale's highly esteemed young people were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quian, the latter a sister of the bride were the attendants. The groom is the well-known telegraph operator at the Western Maryland station here, whose home is in Pittsburg. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mervine of Centre street and is a bright and lovely young woman, being an alumnus of the Meyersdale High School. They expect to make their home for the present with the bride's parents.

A WEDDING ON ST.

VALENTINE'S DAY
Miss Rose Damico, daughter of the well known wholesale fruit dealer, Augustus Damico, will be married on St. Valentine's day to James Mielche, of Baltimore.

The bride is very young being about 18 and a scholar in the ninth grade of our public schools.

CARLOAD NATIONAL GLUTEN FEED just arrived. 32 to 34 per cent protein. 12 to 13 per cent fat. \$1.85 per large bag—or SPECIAL PRICE BY THE TON—HABEL & PHILLIPS

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Our job work will certainly please

BURGESS GIVES HIS REPORT

What is Being Done by Our Councilmen For the Good of the Town. Fill at the New Bridge About Completed.

The council of the Borough of Meyersdale met in regular session on Tuesday evening, February 1. The following members were present: Messrs. Dia, Darnley, Saylor, Staub, Shipley, Deeter, Emeigh and Burgess.

Report of Burgess Gress.
The report of the Burgess, Valentine Gress, was that fines and licenses for the month of January amounted to \$119.25, which sum was paid to the treasurer. The Burgess also reported that he had suspended Policeman Fuller for an indefinite period because of the financial condition of the borough.

Policeman Hare on Poles and Wires.
Policeman Hare reported that the Eight Company had not replaced the poles that had been condemned. The water main and the wires were reported all right. There was a fire at W. H. Miller's on Broadway, tried plug at Relch's but there was no need for using water. The Fire department has now 1600 feet of good hose.

What is being Done on the Streets.
Mr. Darnley reported that he had several men at work cleaning up the streets, that the fill at the new bridge was about completed. A motion was made by Mr. Darnley which was passed by council that Walnut street be closed to remain thus until the county commissioners will inspect and then will render the bridge passable for the use of the public. The secretary was instructed to notify J. N. Cover to remove posts in front of property on Keystone street as they are obstructing the street. The street committee was directed to acquaint Mr. Cover that the cellar at his property on Clay street was dangerous.

This committee was also instructed to notify the street railway company that the depressed places between the rails where bricks had been removed must be evened up.

New lights were installed on the corner of Fourth and Thomas streets and one on Large street.

The Finance Committee's Report.
Active Account ———— \$ 257.41
Sinking Fund ———— 1068.27
Bal. from Coll. Baer — 2184.92

The Bills Ordered Paid.

Street Labor ———— \$ 14.71
Police ———— 76.50
E. J. Dickey, Sec. Salary — 10.64
George Blake for Bread — 7.55
Paid on Voucher of Frank Ziegler ———— 100.00
F. B. Thomas ———— 33.30
Summit Township ———— 10.00
J. O. Adams, blacksmith — 7.45

A large number of bills were held over.

Financial Summary by Secretary

Bills Payable ———— \$3209.01
Outstanding orders ———— 200.00
Total ———— 3409.01
Bills Receivable ———— 1655.47
Balance ———— 1753.54
Due from Collector 2184.92
Council adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening February 15.

ELMER SHULTZ BADLY BURNED AT MINES

Elmer Shultz who was operating the electric motors at Shaw mine No. 1 was badly burned on Friday by the explosion of gas. Mr. Shultz was looking for some tools in what is known as a sand hole, putting his light at the hole to see better, when a violent explosion followed resulting in his being very badly burned about the head, face and chest. He was brought to Dr. Rowe's office in this place and later in the day sent to a hospital in Cumberland. Mr. Shultz is aged 28 and his father was the late Conrad Shultz.

DUTCH SUPPER.

The Young People's Guild of Amity Reformed Church, will hold a Dutch Supper and Parcels Post sale in the Banquet room of Amity Hall, on Thursday evening, Feb. 17, 1916.

Supper will be served from 5 to 8 p. m. Two menus will be served—you may have your choice. The price will be 35c.

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MUSIC SHOULD BE IN SCHOOLS

Excellent Address Given at Parent-Teacher Meeting. Town Needs Factories. Then Advantages Could Be Procured.

An inspiring meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Meyersdale was held in the high school building last Friday night. The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the preceding week were read by the president, Mrs. Dr. Ryland, and the minutes read by the secretary, Mrs. Paul D. Clutton after which the following program was rendered: Piano and violin duet by Misses Kathryn Aarand and Miriam Glessner, both young ladies acquitting themselves in a very creditable manner. This was followed by an entertaining reading by Miss William Daily. The Meyersdale girls then gave a selection and delighted the audience by responding to a hearty encore.

Rev. H. L. Goughnour delivered a splendid address on Need of a Systematic Teaching of Music in the Public Schools.

He said that the rural districts and in small towns, very little was done in the way of teaching music in the public schools because they were taught largely by teachers who had no special training along that line and that this did not reflect upon the teachers, many of whom had no musical ability although excellent teachers, but that many more who had the ability, could not afford to develop it, because of the low salaries paid. The teacher of other subjects should not be expected to train the child in music. The speaker went on to say as a result of having a systematic musical course in the schools, the people of Meyersdale were "bumblers" and just happened to illustrate by singing the audience to sing, "Star Spangled Banner" which he kindly said that they did well. He said that attempts to organize a chorus in large meetings were decided failures in Meyersdale and that in none of the churches could one hear splendid chorus work because none of the churches had choruses. The very best any of them could afford was a double quartette.

There is no singing society in Meyersdale and young men are never heard in the evenings on the street, doing really good singing as in other towns and the young ladies are not much ahead of the young men in music.

Rev. Goughnour said he didn't want to be a "knocker" but that he was simply stating facts as they really were and that he believed these conditions were due to the fact, that the town was in the grasp of a bad economic situation. There was no output of manufactured product and that nearly all the business men of the town were not producers but distributors. About the only public industry was mining and this was controlled by men who had their homes and their interests elsewhere and put there dollars there.

He thought that the town needs is, that the business men get together and erect factories etc. that will furnish employment to the young men of the town and keep them here. Statistics prove that every young man is worth \$3000 to a community, and certainly we ought to keep them if possible and work provided for them would bring dollars into the town in which case all those necessary improvements could be made.

Music is a benefit to a town in three ways, First physically, Most people breathe improperly using the upper part of the lungs. Proper breathing is taught in the first lessons in singing. Then most pupils do not enunciate clearly. This is also overcome largely where singing is systematically taught.

The greater chorus singers in the world are the Germans; next come the British and the Russians are probably third. We can draw our own references from this.

Second, music has an aesthetic and moral value. A sense of the beautiful and an appreciation for the finer things of life seem to be created in us by an appreciation of good music and passive receptivity does not have the good results that active participation does.

Lastly music has a social value. If a teacher of music could be pro-

ENTERTAINED FOR BRIDE-TO-BE

Miss Helen Lichty of Meyers Avenue, was hostess at a delightfully appointed luncheon on Friday in honor of Miss Leah R. Leydig, of Glencoe whose engagement to Dr. Spicer of Cumberland was announced recently. Covers were laid for ten of the former classmates of Miss Leydig, who is a graduate of the Meyersdale High School, and after the luncheon was served the guest of honor was "showered" with miscellaneous gifts to be used in her new home.

Miss Leydig was also the recipient of many other useful household gifts when a number of Meyersdale's fair young ladies met at the old Meyers homestead on the Avenue, Saturday afternoon, at the invitation of Miss Catherine Meyers.

The occasion was in the form of a kitchen shower and the dainty refreshments were served in the spacious Meyers kitchen, where the "shower" formed the centre piece on the table around which the guests gathered.

FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE

The home of Mrs. William Daberko at the southern end of Beachy street was burned to the ground on Wednesday morning, the fire being discovered at about 2:30 o'clock by Mrs. Peter Rowe, who sent in the alarm to the electric light plant where the fire signals are made, from the Saylor Box Factory. But by the time the general alarm had been given, Henry Miller, who lives with his mother, Mrs. Rachel Miller near to the Daberko home, rushed for the fire hose truck, which is maintained in a small house by the South Side schoolhouse, and was proceeding with it as best he could, later being assisted by Henry Lindeman. These two could hardly push the one thousand feet of hose up the hill, but finally succeeded in doing so and had the hose attached when the fire stream blew. But unfortunately little water flowed from the hydrant for the reason that the orifice was stopped with stones so that nothing could be done until the firemen arrived when another hydrant was used and the burning house was checked from spreading the flames to other houses. It is said that this defect at the hydrant was reported two years ago but nothing was done about the matter.

Mrs. Daberko who since the death of her husband who died about two weeks ago lived alone in the house, was awakened, so she says, by the crackling of the fire and she had barely time to escape with a few clothes and her trunk. She became frantic as she beheld the burning of her home.

The house was worth, perhaps, \$750 and was insured for \$500. The household effects were destroyed which were appraised by men selected by the executor, August Daberko, a brother of the deceased, at less than \$30.

Mrs. Daberko, is about 70 years of age. Her mother is living with a son on Keystone street.

The origin of the fire is not known; the greatest volume of flames at the time fire was first discovered was on the second story.

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cured to give instruction in the schools and also to do some community work among the young people it would be a blessing to the town. Most of the amusements of the social gatherings are what we would characterize as questionable and music would be both profitable and pleasant.

At the close of Rev. Goughnour's address, Mr. Gnagey stated that the directors had already well considered the subject and by next year they are reasonably certain that a course in music would be established in the Meyersdale public schools.

A fine duet, violin and cello selection, "Abide with me," was given by Miss Maggie Damico and Mr. H. M. Cook, who could not be persuaded to respond to repeated clapping of hands.

SPORTSMEN ORGANIZED

State Game Commissioner Osmer Busy Bettering Conditions in Somerset Co. Will Soon Receive Consignment of Turkeys.

C. H. Osmer, the state game protector of Somerset County with residence in this place, is doing much to create a sentiment in the protection of game. He recently organized a sportsmen club at Windber and he is eager to establish several such clubs throughout the county for the reason that the state department will not consign game to persons in places where no such organizations exist.

Mr. Osmer said that he was soon to receive a consignment of turkeys to be let loose in the most favorable place for their care and propagation. Consignments of trout will also be received by the local State Game Protector and other kinds of fish later.

In Meyersdale the United Sportsmen of America club needs reviving as it has practically become dormant. There will be closed periods for the following game: Quail, 5 years; deer, 2 years; turkeys, 2 years. With these restrictions upon this choice game, quail, deer and turkeys ought to become quite abundant.

DAMICO STORE IS ROBBED

The Charles Damico fruit and grocery store was broken into on Tuesday night and a general sampling of the articles of the store was made by the burglars, resulting in a loss of about ten dollars, an estimate made by Mr. Damico.

Entrance was gained to the store which is located on Centre street, on the south side of Main street, by passing in one of the panes of glass, barely large enough for a fair-sized boy to enter. In fact it is believed that this second burglary of the same kind which occurred a few weeks ago that of the H. M. Cook jewelry store, is being carried on by a band of youthful criminals. Another bit of evidence to substantiate this view is that that some articles taken off of the higher shelves, a small box was used for stepping on. An ordinary sized man could easily have removed the articles by standing on the floor.

Some of the articles taken were candy, chewing gum (lots of it), tobacco, cigarettes, a watch, a razor, \$1.25 in money taken from the open register.

It is to be hoped that other merchants may be spared a similar visit, loss and annoyance, and also on the assumption and doctrine that even these are our brothers, that they may be apprehended and made to right about face in such a course of conduct.

MANY HEARD GOOD LECTURE

According to the announcement made last week in the columns of the Commercial, D. A. Souder, D. D., a superintendent of missions among the Hungarians of this county for the Reformed church, gave an illustrated lecture in the Sunday School hall of Amity Church. The hall was crowded both on the lower floor and on the gallery. The lecture proved to be interesting and instructive. The speaker first gave a sketch of Hungary called attention to the thousands that emigrate annually to our country. There are said to be no less than 100,000 Hungarians in the United States. A large number belonged to the Reformed church in their native land.

The Reformed church in this county was accordingly challenged by the Providence of God to do mission work among these people and is now maintaining about fifteen missions in different parts of the country. A goodly number of them have proved valuable property in the way of churches and parsonages, which the lecturer threw upon the screen. Much more remains to be done. The greatest need at present is the education of Hungarian young men in our country for the gospel ministry among the people.