

**MEYERSDALE  
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History of the Basketball Team of the M. H. S. '15-'16.

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**NOTICE**—is hereby given to those Subscribers who are ignoring repeated bills sent to them from this office that we will be compelled to place their accounts in the hands of collectors.

**PENNSYLVANIA'S CHOICE**  
The Republican party—both factions—realize that if the next president of the United States is to be a Republican, it must be an undivided party, as it will take almost the last man to win in the struggle to take place next November. The Progressives are said by the others than that faction as "coming back into the old party." But the Progressives say that they are willing to come back for the reason that the principles for which they strove four years ago are being recognized by the Republican party. A man must be selected who will be progressive in his views and be able to wipe the discredited forces.

In this state the Progressives are willing to stand for Governor Brumbaugh as many of the regular Republicans. It is said that United States Senator Penrose is not above being a candidate himself for the chief office of the nation.  
Governor Brumbaugh, though elected by the Republican party, used his veto power in some things that was a gratification to the Progressives and at the same time a disappointment to some of the Republicans. In fact one Progressive said of the Governor last Spring that he was showing himself a good Progressive. He certainly will carry Pennsylvania against Mr. Penrose, if there be such a contest.

**BOYS ANXIOUS FOR JOBS.**  
A few days ago a crowd of boys, 12 to 14 years, were asked if they would work if they could get it in vacation, and without exception all with much emphasis replied that they would gladly work if they could, even on Saturdays and after school during the school terms.

The pity of it is that our industrial conditions are such that boys cannot learn to be industrious and saving but must become lazy and extremely selfish just because no one has work for them. The country boy has the advantage of the town boy in this respect often to the former's sorrow, but he should be encouraged to own and raise something for himself and have the profits of the same. After awhile with many young boys the habit of doing no work that will bring them in a little money becomes so great that they care little whether they work or not. The best kind of a young man is one who in early life was taught self denial and the value of labor. The organization of the Boy Scouts here is an invaluable help in the formation of a manly boy's character, but some real work in connection with it is much better.

**BIG COAL DEAL MAY BE CONSUMMATED.**  
The Arrow Coal Mining Co. owning 2,700 acres of coal and surface, has given a 60-day option on its plant and entire operations in and about Arrow, and Reitz, Somerset county, to an Eastern syndicate that involves a consideration of about \$450,000.  
The Arrow Coal Mining Co. is controlled by Wm. Gahagen, who developed the mines two or three years ago and established a profitable business, 1,800 acres of the 2,700, are underlaid by coal.  
175 men are now employed and 12 to 20 car loads being put out daily.

**WITTENBERG.**  
March, 14—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Petenbrink and three children of Mountain Valley and Miss Martha Smith spent Sunday at J. E. Geiger's.  
Misses Grace Murray, Annie Geiger and Grace Pfeiffer called on their friend, Martha Smith, on Tuesday evening.  
Misses Mary and Sarah Geiger spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Herman Beal.

Quite a number of our folks attended the Pine Grove institute.  
The revival meetings held at St. John's church, better known as the temple are well attended and will last another week. Everybody invited.

**MINE EXAMINATIONS.**  
Mine Inspector Fletcher W. Cunningham has completed arrangements for the annual examination of mine foremen, assistant mine foremen and fire bosses, which will be held in the hall of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, on the third floor of the Farmers' National Bank building, Somerset, on April 11, 12, 13 and 14. Besides Inspector Cunningham, the examining board is composed of Supt. Maize, of Jerome, and Louis Berkey, of Acosta.

**REPLIES TO OUR FRIEND  
THE GARRETT DUTCHMAN**

Nay! Nay! my little Dutchman,  
Extend not your hand to France  
For "Old Time" has started to whistle  
And it's up to you to dance.

So shake your little wooden shoe,  
And dance with all your might,  
For history has turned its pages  
And the hatchet has come to light.  
And so my dear German remember,  
We are "killing two birds with one stone."  
We may be allied with the English  
But we're settling an old debt of our own.

And though we may be a small nation,  
And may not boast of our might,  
Thank God, we will always be fighting  
For the cause that is just and right.  
'Tis an old adage and long remembered  
That "every dog has its day."  
And sunny France has remembrance  
That can never pass away.

It is written in the blood of her heroes  
Those flowers that fought and fell  
And their noble sacrifices, forever  
In the memory of France shall dwell.

And only the blood of the German  
Can wipe out that crimson stain  
And bring to France satisfaction  
For her heroes that are slain.

So offer us not your kind friendship  
When 'through us you see your gain  
For we want not control of the ocean  
But an era when justice shall reign.

And shall give back to France and her people  
Her claims of the long, long past  
And soothe in her brain the memories  
That forever and ever shall last.

Garrett, Pa. **FRENCHY**

That fighting little Frenchman,  
Of whom the Dutchman writes,  
Has stemmed the tide at Verdun  
And showed the world his might.

The Crown Prince blew his trumpet  
As onward the Germans rushed  
But how they fell under shot and shell  
And that boastful tongue was hushed.

The French can do no better,  
Than to make another stand,  
And tell the little Teuton  
They will fight him to a man.

You offer your hand in friendship  
To the man you have failed to whip  
And this is done, while you plunder  
his home,  
And give him the dregs to sip.

Do you remember the Lusitania  
With her brave and gallant crew,  
The husband, wife and mother  
And the little children, too?

How you fired that shot without warning,  
And never tried to save,  
The souls that have gone to their Maker  
They perished beneath the wave?

And still you ask for freedom  
For freedom of the sea  
While the ocean you scan with your submarine  
Indifferent to other's plea.

Some day there will be a reckoning  
And peace will come again  
And the man at fault will get a jolt  
Then he'll remember Cain.

Garrett, Pa. **TOMMY ATKINS**

Dennis Ringler and family who have resided in Brothersvalley township for a number of years, have sold their farm to Herman Baker, of Summit township and next week will move to Buffalo Mills, Bedford county, where they have bought a farm of D. J. Cook.

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**SOCIAL HAPPENINGS**

**Engagement Formally Announced.**  
Miss Helen Francis Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Collins, of North street gave a delightfully appointed party on Thursday evening to announce the engagement of her younger sister, Miss Irene Kalbaugh Collins, to Mr. De Forrest Wilfred Ludwig of Pittsburgh. The guests arriving at the Collins home about seven-thirty were received by the Misses Collins in the Library, which was tastefully decorated in cupids, hearts and vases filled with red roses. Guessing contests were the diversions of the evening and the dainty prizes were awarded to Miss Nan Hocking and Miss Helen Lichty.

About ten o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where an artistically decorated table, covers were laid for fourteen. Pink and white were the colors used in the decorations, pink and white roses being used in profusion while each guest received a corsage bouquet of sweet peas and pink roses tied with pink ribbons, to which were attached cards bearing the names of the happy couple.

Miss Collins who is an accomplished musician is a member of the Senior Class of the M. H. S. while her fiance is a Cornell graduate.  
No date has been set for the wedding.

**Entertains Bible Class.**  
Mrs. Charles Platt very pleasantly entertained thirty-five members of the Woman's Bible Class of the M. E. Church, at her home on North street, Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable feature of the evening was a unique guessing contest. Pictures had been prepared by Mrs. Harry Cook, representing parts of Somerset county and streets of Meyersdale. Dainty refreshments were served.

**Many Enjoyed Telephone Tea.**  
Mrs. J. M. Black of Front street entertained at a "Telephone Tea" on Saturday afternoon for the benefit of her Sunday School class. About seventy-five guests attended.  
Mrs. C. E. Klingensmith presided at the piano during the afternoon and Miss Irene Collins accompanied by her sister, Miss Helen Collins, sang several selections.

**Entertained Spinster Club.**  
On Friday evening Mrs. Robert Cook was hostess to the members of the Spinster Club and several other friends. A very pleasant evening was spent with fancy work and later a very enjoyable luncheon was served.

**VIM.**  
Mrs. Lydia Campbell and daughter, Harriet of Pittsburgh visited here and at Pleasant Hill last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Hittle and son of Southside of Meyersdale spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Walter Herring.

George Coldfish of Keyzers Ridge, Md., spent Tuesday last at the home of his uncle, Wilson Ringler.  
Mrs. Henry Shult of Meyersdale spent Tuesday last week at the home of Walter Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martens moved into the house vacated by Lawrence Gisbert last week.  
Miss Elizabeth Tressler spent Sunday and Monday in Cumberland, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas and children of Salisbury spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Engle.

**UNION VALLEY.**  
Guess we'll have to give the ground hog six more weeks.  
H. Tressler was a caller at P. W. White's on Sunday last.

Through the assistance of Prof. Wm. Hay, Larimer was furnished with government seeds. Thanks to you, Professor.

The Brown Lumber Company has their mill running almost night and day. They report the lumber trade booming.  
Mrs. Boyer says that Mance is being stacked so full of props that the sun can hardly shine into the city.  
Fox hunting is all the go now.

**MRS. CATHERINE ANSELL.**  
The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Ansell, who died Friday afternoon at her home near Scullion, took place Monday afternoon. Mrs. Ansell is survived by a family of children, including Mrs. James B. Werner, of Somerset.

Claiming \$6,000 treble damages Wesley A. Barron has brought suit against Albert Heminger for the alleged unlawful removal of coal from under the plaintiff's farm in Somerset township. Both parties are well known coal dealers. Barron estimates that about 100,000 bushels of coal was taken from his property and claims that the same is worth \$2,000.

**CALICO Light and Dark—Regular 8c Value, at the Women's Store on Saturday only at 7c per yard.**

Condensed Report of the Condition of  
**The Second National Bank**  
OF MEYERSDALE, PA.

At the Close of Business Mar. 7, 1916

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments...	\$421,607.66	Capital stock paid in....	\$ 65,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	72,231.87	Surplus Fund and Profits...	51,799.18
Real Estate, Furniture, Fix.	62,574.50	Circulation.....	64,000.00
Cash and due from Banks...	81,552.24	Deposits.....	457,167.09
<b>Total Resources...</b>	<b>\$637,966.27</b>	<b>Total Liabilities...</b>	<b>\$637,966.27</b>

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1 2 lb. package Mixed Tea for 25c.  
2 15c cans best Baked Beans for 25c.  
1 lb. our own brand Baking for 20c.  
2 lb. can best Mince Meat for 25c.  
3 cans Kidney Beans for 25c.  
3 jars Prepared Mustard for 25c.  
3 bottle Pure Catsup for 25c while it lasts.  
3 lbs. best Rice for 25c.  
Bargains in Soap this week.

**FREE DELIVERY SYSTEM.**

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**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP.**  
Farmers are waiting for warm weather to boil sugar.  
Israel Fullen, an aged citizen is seriously ill with dropsy at present.  
James Beals is building himself a dwelling house on the "Matlick."  
H. R. Kretzman was a Cumberland visitor on last Wednesday.  
Edward Schrock who had been living at Eastern Shore, Maryland, for several years moved last week into the B. B. Dickey residence.  
Edna Shumac is working for J. C. Kretzman at present.  
Mary Orendorf visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Noah Orendorf at Bittinger, Maryland last week.  
Dennis Bockes, one of our popular farmers bought a Maxwell touring car from the Meyersdale Auto Company last week.  
Mrs. Quinter Gnagey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Miller of Greenville Township this week.  
The many friends of Adam Maust surprised him by giving him a birthday party on his 36th birthday.  
S. D. Gnagey one of our highly respected citizens bought himself a Dodge touring car last week.  
Walter Firl who has worked for Harvey Berkeley for the past six summers, and who arrived at the age of 21 years on last Saturday, when his many friends took him by surprise and helped celebrate his birthday. Mr. Firl was also the recipient of many useful presents.  
Mexico for the Mexicans.



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**MAKE THE OLD ORCHARD PAY EXPENSES WHILE YOU'RE STARTING THE NEW**

You've heard a lot recently about the "renewal" of old orchards; have you stopped to consider what it might do for YOU? Fruit-growing is becoming increasingly profitable, and it will pay YOU to set out more trees this spring—cut six up your old trees first—pay expenses while the new ones are coming on. When you spray ANY tree, use a

**Deming SPRAY PUMP**  
Because they are heavy and substantially built, it is easy to keep up a strong, steady pressure. Nothing to rust out. See

**Baer & Co.**  
All of our public school that did not miss any time, will come to a close on Friday. We hope that the term was spent in pleasure and profit.