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## REV. MICHAEL MAY LEAVE

Popular Lutheran Pastor Wanted in Larger Fields. He is Considering Tacoma, Washington, Charge.

Rev. D. W. Michael the popular and efficient pastor of the Lutheran church of this place, is considering the acceptance of a call to Tacoma, Washington in the near future, much to the regret of his large congregation.

Two years ago, this coming June, Rev. Michael came here from Chicago and being used to the cultural advantages of city life, may decide to go to a larger place than Meyersdale.

Calls have been extended to him from Harrisburg, Pa.; Ottumwa, Ia.; Erie, Pa.; and Tacoma, Washington, and while he is holding the matter under advisement he may decide to go to Tacoma. There is a splendid city of nearly 100,000 inhabitants, and a thriving Lutheran university is located there.

The Lutheran church here has grown greatly during his two years' pastorate, nearly two hundred new members having been added in that time. There are now about 700 members. Not only the people of his charge but many others in the community would regret Rev. Michael's departure as by his cordial, sympathetic manner he has made a host of friends here. If he goes it will be about July 1.

## MARRIED

**COBER-KOONTZ**  
A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Mary S. Koontz, of Berlin, when her daughter Miss Nellie Grace Koontz, became the bride of Prof. Alvaro B. Cober, the ceremony being performed by D. S. Stephen, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church. Only immediate members of the family were present. Following the ceremony Prof. and Mrs. Cober left for St. Augustine, Fla. Later they will go to Havana and return home via New York. Prof. Cober is widely known in educational circles, having taught for several years in the public schools, before entering the service of the Federal Bureau of Education, with which he spent five years in the Philippines. During the past term Prof. Cober was supervising principal of the schools of Brothersvalley township.

**THOMAS-MILLER**  
Thomas Thomas and Mrs. Helen Miller, both of Cairnbrook, Somerset County, were married Tuesday at the office of Alderman Will J. Lamberd of Johnstown the magistrate performing the ceremony. They will reside at Cairnbrook.

## CLEAN UP YOUR LOVED ONES' GRAVES.

Memorial Day observance will soon be here. Will the final resting places of the forms of your departed loved ones be such that you can take some satisfaction in viewing them when the graves of the nation's honored dead are being decorated on the 30th of the present month. Attend to it now; don't wait until the last day for doing that.

## BIG EVENT FOR COUNTY ODD FELLOWS

About Four Hundred County Members of the Order Participate in Annual Contest in Degree Team Work. Somerset Lodge Wins Loving Cup From Meyersdale With Little Difference.

Friday evening was a red letter presentation speech transferring the cup from the Meyersdale lodge to that of the winners, the Somerset lodge. These exercises concluded all prepared to the dining hall in basement where a fine banquet awaited the toilers as well as all the members. It was served under the guidance of four members of the local Rebekah lodge, Mesdames T. W. Carter, Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. Robert Wardlow, and Mrs. David Currie. The feast of reason and the flow of soul was guided very wittily by Rev. A. S. Kresge as toastmaster and many fine toasts were responded to by the members pertaining to the good of the order. Before all had been regaled the night was far spent and the day was nigh at hand. That all enjoyed the occasion is needless to affirm. The music was furnished by Messrs. H. K. Aurandt, J. E. Clapper, and G. G. Klieriem.

The following are the members of Meyersdale participating in the work: George Bangard, N. G.; Dennis Klieriem, V. G.; Geo. Blake, Con.; J. F. Smith, Warden; C. H. Shockey, Chaplain; J. E. Stecker, R. S. N. G.; William Horning, L. S. N. G.; William Price, R. S. V. G.; L. C. Bittner, L. S. V. G.; Wm. Carter, Past Grand; J. B. Griffith, R. S.; F. P. Hare, L. S. S.; James Campbell, I. G.; Jas. Spence O. G. The following were the characters in the work: — Robert Wardlow, Robert Downey, Alexander M. Following the decision of the judges, Rev. A. S. Kresge made the

## HAUSFRAUEN MEETING.

The May meeting of Die Hausfrauen was held at the farm home of Mrs. Harvey P. and Mrs. Howard A. Berkley, Locust Grove Farm. Mrs. Wilson E. and Mrs. Edward N. Walker of Cloverdale Farm, Mrs. Wm R. Ebaugh entertaining. A congratulatory letter from His Excellency, Gov. Brumbaugh and one from Lieut. Gov. McClain was read. Gov. Brumbaugh said:

My sincere congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of the great work Die Hausfrauen have begun.

"It is unique and far-reaching service which you are rendering to the people of this Commonwealth and I trust that the influence set at work by you will be wide-spread and multiply efficiency in producing better conditions in the home life of our rural people." Lieut. Gov. McClain said "I want to say that I am entirely in sympathy and heartily applaud the purpose of Die Hausfrauen. An organization of such a character certainly does relieve the hum-drum of life for women on the farm. It promotes advantageous social intercourse and has in it the elements of real uplift. I'm not much in sympathy with a whole lot of the uplift notions of the present day but the more uplift we have of the kind contemplated by 'Die Hausfrauen' the better will be the morality of the community, and the happiness of the people."

Good Roads Day May 25 will be observed by the society as last year with a liberal supply of their justly famous pies and as two new organizations of this popular society will be formed before Good Roads Day a goodly number of these delectable sweets will tickle the palates of willing workers; no others need apply.

The rules given by Prof. H. A. Surface at the April meeting for destroying injurious insects on plants were found so beneficial Die Hausfrauen wish to pass them along:

**Clubfoot on Cabbage.**  
Sulphur, 1 part; Lime 1 part; Stir and mix in soil where plant is to be set.

**Cabbage Worms.**  
1 oz. arsenate of lead in 3 gal. of water. Sprinkle on plants or 1 teaspoonful lead to 30 teaspoonfuls flour.

**Radish Maggot.**  
1 oz. Arsenate of Lead; 1 gal. of water sweetened. Sprinkle on plants.

**Bugs on Cucumbers.**  
Sprinkle ground with turpentine or equal parts of Arsenate of Lead and Flour or screen with mosquito netting.

The June meeting will be held at The Highlands Farm, the home of Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Ralph and Miss Irma Hay. Mrs. Merle Hay of Grandview Farm will assist in entertaining.

## DEATHS IN THIS COUNTY

Some Friends Whom you Knew and Loved Who have Passed Away Recently in this Vicinity.

**MRS. ELIZABETH MEYERS.**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, a well known resident of Holsopple, died at her home there Saturday evening. Deceased was a daughter of Christian and Mary Holsopple. Her father was a Civil war veteran, serving as captain of his company. He died while a captive in Libby prison. Her husband Henry Meyers to whom she was married in 1871 died June 4, 1909. The deceased is survived by these children: Mahlon H. Meyers of Ferndale, Philip J. Meyers of Charlerot, Washington county; Mary E. wife of C. J. Lehman and Jenny M., wife of Walter E. Custer. Thirteen grandchildren also survive. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, services conducted in the Holsopple United Brethren church. Burial in the Meyers plot in Custer cemetery.

**MRS. ADA P. SHAW**  
Wife of Leonard Shaw, died at her home at Boynton at 10:30 on Monday morning following an illness of but three days. She was aged 30 years, 1 month and 4 days. Besides her husband three children survive and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Holler and several brothers and sisters, all of Boynton. The deceased was a member of the Lutheran church. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. Oney. W. C. Price, of Meyersdale, had charge of the funeral.

**EMANUEL LAPE**  
Emanuel Lape of Somerset, aged 58 years, died at 5:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Memorial hospital at Johnstown, two days after his admission. About a week ago Mr. Lape sustained a cut on the left thumb. An abscess developed, followed by blood poisoning. Mr. Lape is survived by the following children: George, Somerset; Elmer, Cairnbrook; Robert, Listie and Misses Emma and Jennie of Rockwood. The remains were taken to Listie for burial and the funeral will be held there Friday afternoon.

**A. G. BRANTANO.**  
A. G. Brantano, for several years a resident of Black township but now residing at Columbiana, O., died very suddenly on Friday evening. Mr. Brantano was a member of the Rockwood I. O. O. F. and was brought here and buried in the Rockwood I. O. O. F. cemetery Monday afternoon. Mrs. Brantano was buried in the Rockwood I. O. O. F. cemetery about six weeks ago.

**VIRGIL R. CRITCHFIELD**  
Virgil Ross Critchfield, aged 51 yrs. of Rockwood, died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of relatives in Pittsburg. Funeral services were held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. Interment was made at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

**ATTENDED FUNERAL OF SON'S WIFE**  
Mrs. M. A. Rutter returned home on Thursday from attending the funeral of her son's wife, Mrs. Walter Harkins, at Osceola Mills.

Mrs. Harkins died very suddenly after an operation in a hospital at Omaha, Nebraska, in which state Mr. and Mrs. Harkins lived. They both were formerly of Clearfield Co. in this state. They had been married for eight years. Mr. Harkins alone survives they having had no children. He was a visitor in this place over Sunday on his way to his western home.

**THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Miller, of Scottsdale, Pa., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday last. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Miller took place May 6, 1866, at New Baltimore, the bride's maiden name being Miss Mary Jane Owens. Among the guests at the golden wedding anniversary was Mrs. Ella Mattingly, of Bedford, who was Mrs. Miller's first wife.

On Monday, Judge Ruppel paroled David Ross of Shade township who was recently sent to the county hospital as insane. Relatives demanded his release until his sanity was determined. Mr. Ross is 56 years of age and a well-to-do farmer. Inmates of the hospital who are able to pay for their maintenance are obliged to do so by a recent Act of Assembly.

## CIVIC LEAGUE OFFERS PRIZES FOR BEAUTIFUL PREMISES

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic League was held at the home of the president, Mrs. S. B. Philson on Thursday evening, May 1. One of the orders of business was the consideration of the monies, sent in for seeds, vines and bulbs. The league sent to the nursery \$86.35 and there has been collected of this amount all but \$5 which is outstanding in town, because orders have not yet been filled.

All those who have not received all the bulbs and vines they ordered are requested to at once notify Mrs. W. S. Livengood, stating in what particular they are short, so that the matter can be rectified this season. The money has been sent in for them and the league will be out of pocket on those orders not filled. Necessarily there were some orders missed and some duplicated in filling many but everything can be adjusted satisfactorily if those who are short in the number of things received will attend to it at once.

With the large amount of money invested in fower seeds, vines and bulbs, we should have a brilliant floral display and a town more beautiful.

And we are begging for the hearty co-operation of every family for a cleaner and more sightly town.

To further this object the sum of \$20 to be awarded as prizes, has been given in charge of the League by persons who desire to see the greatest possible result from distributing of seeds, vines and bulbs, but especially for the improvement of lawns and surroundings.

This sum of money is to be divided into three prizes—\$10, \$5 and \$5 and are to be for lawns and surroundings showing the greatest improvement and attractiveness. It has been specifically stated to the League that these prizes are not to be given to those already having highly improved lawns, but to those who have overcome obstacles and shown marked efforts. A committee will be appointed to keep every street under close observation, so no one's efforts will be overlooked. With these large prizes to be gained it should be an inspiration for every one to get busy at once. The earlier you begin the more chance for development. So get busy! Get Busy!! GET BUSY!!

## MOTHER'S DAY TO BE HELD BY EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will hold its Mother's Day and 28th Anniversary service in the auditorium of the church at 7:30 on Sunday evening, May 14th.

The following program will be rendered: Hymn, — — Congregation Prayer, — — — Leader Address of Welcome, The President Hymn — — — Congregation Reading, "Mothers of the Bible," Helen Collins. Recitation, "To My Mother," — Harry Gordon Anthem, "My Mother's God," Choir Solo, "My Trundle Bed," Leonora Collins A Seven Minutes' Talk, The Pastor Recitation, "Beautiful Hands," Thelma Mankamyer Hymn, — — Congregation Recitation, "Memories" Reading, "The Youngest Epworthian's Dream," Alma Donneckner. Hymn — — — Congregation. Installation of Officers, Pastor.

Mrs. Robert Critchfield and daughter, Mary of Rockwood were guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schardt a few days of last week.

**VOTE FOR BRUMBAUGH DELEGATES FOR PRESIDENT AT THE TUESDAY PRIMARY.**

## BOUGHT BUILDING FOR FACTORY

The Spring Cushion Tire Corporation of which the local representative is our townsman, Mr. H. H. Lang, has purchased from the Somerset Trust Company what is commonly known as the Duncombe property located at the B. & O. railroad at Broadway in this place, for the manufacture of at least two kinds of automobile tires, one of which is a spring tire and the other is a tubeless air cooled tire. Both of these tires have been tested out and are pronounced superior to all others on the market as to durability and have the quality of resiliency of any pneumatic tire on the market. They are guaranteed to run 10,000 miles and the life of the pneumatic is only 3500.

Men are at work now on the building, giving it an overhauling and a remodeling. It is a three-story structure and well adapted for its new demands. Mr. Lang hopes in sixty days to be turning out the finished product. Locally there is quite a demand already for the tires. By the end of a year about fifty men will be employed.

## BRETHREN CHURCH, Rev. H. L. Goubhnour, Pastor—Beginning Wednesday evening, services are being held each evening this week in the Salisbury church. On next Sunday, May 14, there will be preaching services at Salisbury in the morning at 10:30 and Communion services in the evening at 7:15. At Meyersdale a special Mother's Day service will be held conducted by the S. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.

Next week on Wednesday, May 17 special services will begin in the Summit Mills Church and will be held each evening the remainder of the week. To all of these services all are cordially invited.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

The Fifth District inter-denominational Sunday School convention will be held at Berlin, May 17; the Ninth District at Rockwood, on May 18, the Seventh at White Oak on May 20 and the Sixth District at Mt. Lebanon all day on Sunday, May 14.



T. W. Gurley, is carrying on what is called a Jitney Sale. Go look in his display windows and go in and make inquiry of him.

## CLEAN-UP DAY COMING SOON

Thursday, May 18th, has been set apart for "Cleaning up day, for the town of Meyersdale. There will be no teams sent around this year except to those who are not financially able to have their rubbish hauled away and this will be attended to by the League if such parties notify the secretary, Miss Jessie McKinley, before Thursday, May 18th.

Let there be no abatement of ardor over other years but let us have concerted action in cleaning up our surroundings and making the town sanitary and clean.

Rubbish may be dumped in a hole on Keystone street, back of the Hibner home, which is being filled in, and ashes may be dumped at the approach to the old bridge where it has been put across the Flaugherly. To make our town clean you can: 1. Take away all dirt and ashes from your back yard immediately. Send your rubbish to the dumping ground. 2. Clean out your cellars, stables, and sheds. White wash your cellar walls, fences and hen houses. 3. Burn all rubbish that will burn, clean your vacant lots and alleys. 4. Avoid mixing ashes and garbage. 5. Don't throw old paper, banana, or orange skins into the streets. 6. Plant grass and flower seeds. Dirty yards causes flies, sickness, death. Rotten garbage makes bad air, bad air makes weak bodies, weak bodies makes big doctor bills.

## CHANGE IN TEACHERS.

On Friday evening the school directors held a meeting regarding the election of the grade teachers but nothing official as yet has been given out for publication.

Two of the teachers, Miss Marie Crowe and Miss Carrie England, are not applicants as the former is to be married this summer and the latter has gone to Lancaster to take a business course. Two new teachers will probably be, Miss Hester Meyers, who was formerly a teacher here and who has been teaching in Virginia, and Miss Regina Reich who will graduate in June from the Indiana State Normal.

Saturday Special at the WOMEN'S STORE—Three Spools of Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton for 10c, limit six spools to a customer.

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