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## ALLEGHENY SYNOD MEETING

Somerset Conference Holds Interesting Sessions at New Centreville Lutheran Church, Those Who Took Part.

The Somerset Conference of the Allegheny Synod met in the Messiah Lutheran church, New Centreville, May 22-24. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. E. Carney, of Garrett on the theme: "Justification by Faith."

The first session on Tuesday morning was devoted to business. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Simon Snyder; Secretary, Rev. E. E. Oney; Treasurer, Rev. W. H. E. Carney. The general topic for the morning was Article XVIII Augsburg Confession, "Of Free Will." Very interesting and helpful papers were read on "The Will in Civil Affairs," by Rev. S. N. Carpenter and "The Will in Religion," by Rev. I. Hess Wagner.

The following subjects were presented at the afternoon session in a very pleasing and helpful manner: "The Kind of Preaching Needed Today," by Rev. J. S. English.

"The Kind of Shepherd Needed Today," by Rev. H. M. Petrea.

"Method and Financial Results of Every Member Canvass," by Rev. E. F. Rice.

"Method of Spiritual Results of Every Member Canvass," by Rev. E. Roy Hauser.

The evening session was given over to C. H. Weller, Field Secretary for the Laymen's Missionary Movement. He made a very earnest appeal for all the congregations to have an Every Member Canvass and introduce the bi-pocket envelope system, if this has not been done and thus put the church on a good financial basis. The conference pledged its support to this worthy cause.

The closing session was held in the consideration of the theme "Worship."

"Reverence in God's House," by Rev. D. W. Michael.

"The Sacramental and the Sacrificial Elements in Christian Worship," by Rev. R. D. Clare.

"The Need of Family Worship," by Rev. E. E. Oney.

The Missionary Superintendent, Rev. L. P. Young, D. D., gave a very encouraging report of his work and urged to co-operation of each congregation to help push Allegheny Synod to the front.

The conference adjourned to meet next year at Mt. Calvary Lutheran church, Lavansville, Rev. H. M. Petrea, pastor.

## TEACHERS ARE ELECTED

The Meyersdale school directors have elected all of the teachers of the borough for the ensuing year with the exception of three. There were three of last year's corps who did not wish to teach this year and did not put in an application; all of the other teachers were re-elected. Those not applying were Miss Livengood, Miss Stiffler and a Miss Meyers.

New teachers elected were Miss Regina Reich, just graduating from the Indiana State Normal; Miss Hester Meyers, who had been teaching in Charlestown, W. Va., and Miss Lucile Conrad.

## VETERANS OF SOMERSET COUNTY—TAKE NOTICE!

At the last Veteran's reunion in Berlin on Aug. 19, 1915, a new organization was not effected, but it was called that the existing officers should designate a new set of officers and select the place of holding the reunion in 1916.

In compliance with this ruling the following officers have been named: W. H. Miller, chairman; John W. Mostoleiler, secretary; Philip Berkeley, treasurer, all living, Stoyestown and Stoyestown has been selected as the next place of meeting for the reunion.

Veterans will please watch the various newspapers about the middle of August for announcement of the time and for further particulars.

Stoyestown will show the surviving veterans of Somerset county and others, a royal good time, some time in September, 1916.

## AUTO KILLS SMALL BOY

Robert George Savage, nine-year-old son of Mrs. Margaret Jeffrey Savage Blough, of Davidsville, and stepson of Jacob Blough, was fatally injured shortly before 8 o'clock Sunday evening, when he ran in front of the automobile of D. B. Specht, of Kantner. One of the wheels of the heavy car, a Cadillac, passed from the boy's left hip across his body to the right shoulder, crushing his ribs and fracturing his skull. He died within two hours.

The automobile was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Specht, who had been in Johnstown and Gallitzin and were on their way home. Young Savage and two or three other boys were playing along the street, according to the stories of eyewitnesses, and young Savage, in trying to avoid capture by one of his companions, jumped in front of the Specht automobile. Mr. Specht swerved his automobile into the supply house at the Lehman garage in an effort to avoid striking the lad.

Howard C. Evans, of Johnstown, who came along a short time after the accident, carried the boy to his home. The child died without regaining consciousness. Drs. Zimmermann and Keim worked with the boy till he died.

Patrick Savage, father of the lad, died November 14, 1914, in the Cresson Sanatorium. Besides his stepfather and mother, the boy is survived by the following sisters; Mrs. Charles Speice, of Altoona; Mrs. Charles Seibert, of Columbia, Pa.; Mrs. Harvey Brallier, of Holsopple, and Miss Florence Savage, of Altoona.

The family hold Mr. Specht entirely blameless for the terrible accident.

## "MARY PAGE" TO BE SHOWN HERE SATURDAY

The first episode of "The Strange Case of Mary Page," the series in which Henry Walthall and Edna Mayo are to be starred, is to be shown at the SUMMER GARDEN SATURDAY. The series consists of fifteen episodes of two reels each.

The first episode in this tale of love and mystery is called "The Tragedy" and in it is portrayed the murder of Dave Pollock, the crime of which Mary Page (Edna Mayo) is accused. Henry Walthall plays the part of Mary Page's sweetheart, who is the attorney for the defense in her trial.

When the story opens, Mary Page is appearing in the dress rehearsal of a Broadway production. It is her first big part. After the final rehearsal Pollock, who is backing the production, forces his way into her dressing room. Phillip Langdon (Mr. Walthall) who has called to congratulate Mary, rescues her from Pollock and gives her a revolver advising her to use it if Pollock again threatens her.

After the rehearsal the company goes to a hotel for a banquet. Pollock lures Mary into a private dining room and again attempts to force his attentions upon her. She draws the revolver, then loses control of herself, remembering nothing more.

Langdon, who has started in search of Mary, hears the sound of a shot and breaks into the room. There he finds Mary, unconscious beside Pollock who is dead with a bullet in his heart from the revolver which lies beside Mary.

The guests rush in and find Langdon with the revolver in his hand, stooping over the victim.

The episodes that follow take up the exciting incidents in the life of Mary Page, who is accused of the murder.

In the first episode is portrayed a play within a play. A huge theatre scene shows Mary Page playing her part in the dress rehearsal. Interesting sidelights of life behind the scenes are other features. In the dress rehearsal Miss Mayo, in doublet and hose, has an opportunity to display her swordsmanship, vanquishing a villain in the stage drama in which, in the story, she is starring.

Miss Mayo's gowns are designed by Lady Duff Gordon (Lucile) and the one she wears to the banquet is a beautiful example of the newest spring style in evening gowns.

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## EXCELLENT MEMORIAL SERMON

Given Before the Local Grand Army Post in the United Brethren Church

(The following sermon was given Sunday evening by Rev. H. L. Gough, pastor of the Brethren Church, and some of those who heard it have requested its publication.)

Text: "Whoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant; even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

There are many persons who laugh at the idea of self-sacrifice being called noble. They say ability to exhibit one's self is the individual's true measure. "Assert thyself," is their slogan. "Gain the mastery over other men." "Make the common crowd support you!" "Let others pay their tribute to your superiority!" "Capitalize your brains!" These are the admonitions they give.

There is no doubt that the appeal to self-assertion is attractive to our selfish hearts. All of us are tempted at times to make life one grand grab. The selfish impulse shouts at times thru our entire being; "Take all you can get! Let the other fellow look out for himself! To hell with the common good! Look out for number one!"

It is useless to try to deny that this philosophy of life is the supreme curse of the American nation today. Seizing personal advantage out of the

common good is the settled policy of all too large a proportion of our citizens. In politics, statesmen are interested more in getting their fingers into the "pork barrel" than in enacting wise legislation. Harvesting graft and securing appropriations are the supreme task of a large percentage of the representatives of the people at both National and State capitals. Generally the electorate is no better than its representatives. Countless political districts will not return a man to office if one term has shown that he cannot bring home the bacon. The man who is ever so good a legislator, if he does not secure an advantage for a certain class or district, that class or district is certain to oppose his reelection. Most of us are more likely to consider a man a good representative if he secures for us a large appropriation of garden seeds than if he stands for moral right. If he secures money for roads or other improvements or if he supports legislation that means dollars in our pockets, we consider that a better recommendation than if he stands four-square for the common good. There is no one that can deny that the great majority of American office-holders are more interested in "holding their jobs" than in "doing their jobs," and that the majority of American voters are responsible for the situation. (Continued from 2nd page.)

## DEATHS IN THIS COUNTY

PETER NATHAN.

Squire Peter Nathan, a highly esteemed and well known of Grantsville, died at his home on May 24th after an illness of about a year, followed by a paralytic stroke a week preceding his death. The cause of his death was due to a complication of diseases chiefly cirrhosis of the arteries. He had undergone treatment at the Allegheny hospital in Cumberland and at the St. Agnes hospital at Baltimore. He was almost 69 yrs. of age and was a native of the village. He was unmarried and is survived by one brother, ex-Postmaster Michael Nathan; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Miller of Grantsville at present recovering from an operation of a serious character and Mrs. Margaret Fuller, Detroit, Mich.; also number of nieces and nephews. His household consisted of himself and a niece, Miss Gerlie Ho, who also attended to his household affairs and a great-niece, Miss Marie Comer, both finding beneath his roof the affection of a father at all times. He was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic church from which place the funeral was held on Friday morning. The pall bearers, active and honorary, were taken from among his friends and fellow directors in the First State Bank. The funeral was largely attended. Interment was made in the old village cemetery.

## MRS. KATHERINE MEYERS

Mrs. Katherine Meyers, daughter Daniel and Elizabeth Lee, died at her home in Vin, on May 29. Deceased was born near New Lexington, Somerset county, April 22, 1858, hence was aged 63 years, 1 month and 17 days. She was married to Henry Meyers, June 10, 1857. Three children were born to them, Mary, Rebecca and Nellie, Mary being now deceased.

Mrs. Meyers suffered three paralytic strokes the last one nine days before her death which rendered her unable to take any food. She was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Reformed church.

Eleven grand-children survive. Also four brothers, Elias D. Lee, of Meyersdale, Dr. D. R. Lee, Arcadia, Neb. H. H. Lee, National City, Cal. and C. H. Lee Blissfield, Mich., and four sisters; Margaret Resh, Meyersdale, Elizabeth Lindeman, of Meyersdale, Rebecca and Rachael, Nooksack, Wash. The funeral was held at 10 a. m. today. Rev. A. S. Kresge officiated.

Undertaker W. C. Price had charge of the funeral arrangements. Burial in the Reformed cemetery, near Meyersdale.

## SOCIAL EVENTS.

Miss Leah Leydig of Glencoe, has invitations out for a dinner for the younger social set at her home in that place Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller have issued invitations for a Rainbow Dinner to be given at the Colonial Hotel, Thursday evening. There will be about 60 guests.

Mrs. F. B. Thomas will entertain a number of ladies at a luncheon at the Thomas Cafe at 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The color scheme will be pink and white. The affair is in honor of eight Johnstown ladies: Mesdames Thomas, Lackey, Bacon, Slack, Hamill, Raab, Bostert, and Wagner.

## WOODMEN'S MEMORIAL.

Meyersdale Camp, No. 7010 M. W. of A. will observe their decoration on Sunday, June 4th, 1916. Will leave town at 10 o'clock a. m. go to Fritz's cemetery by automobiles and will decorate the grave of Neighbor Nedrow. Will assemble at Woodman's Hall at 1:30 o'clock p. m.; will leave hall at 2 o'clock march to Union cemetery, lead by Citizens Band and will hold memorial services at the graves of our departed neighbors. The public is cordially invited to join with us.



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## THREE CHILDREN DROWNED

Boy Hero Loses His Life at Hooversville in Vain Attempt to Save His Sister and Her Little Friend.

Three children were drowned in Stonycreek river at Hooversville on Sunday afternoon. Two of them slipped from the breast of the dam into the deep water below and the third lost his life in an attempt to save his sister and her little chum.

The dead children are: Mary, two and one-half-year-old daughter and Mike, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blohowitz; and Mary, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kubuchno.

The three children were playing about the breast of the Hooversville dam, which supplies water for the Hooversville mill, and the two little girls decided to cross the dam to the other side of the creek. As they neared the middle of the dam they slipped on the wet planks and fell into the water.

Just below the dam the water is very deep and both went down several times before they were noticed by little Mike Blohowitz. On seeing their plight he made a heroic attempt to save them but went down also to a watery grave. Miss Mary Lazorjack made a futile attempt to save them and nearly lost her life, being pulled almost unconscious from the water.

Paul Blohowitz and Joe Kubuchno, the fathers are miners and have lived in Hooversville for a number of years. Both are well known and are well respected men. In each family there are a number of brothers and sisters to mourn the loss of their younger kin. On Monday afternoon three white hearsees brought tears to the eyes of many. The triple funeral was held at the Catholic church.

## CANE PASSED TO OLDEST MAN

Mr. George W. Collins on Memorial day delivered into the hands of Mr. S. J. Miller, of the South Side, a cane bearing the inscription, "To be kept in the possession of the oldest living resident of Meyersdale."

This cane is having a little local history of a unique character and all its own. Perhaps a score of years ago, Rev. Braden, a former pastor of this place, instituted the "cane" idea by giving it to the then oldest resident of the town and since then it has traveled through the following hands: Messrs. Chamberlain, Deal, Amhurst and then to Mr. Oates who died about ten days ago and who at the time of his death was 92 years old. Mr. Miller, the present holder of the relic is 89 years of age. He was much gratified to get this staff and the following day he was seen using it as he came over to town. Mr. Miller is hale and hearty and he may set a high standard in years before he surrenders it to his successor.

## KEEFER-POORBAUGH.

Miss Mary C. Poorbaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Poorbaugh of near Glencoe and Mr. Herman Keefler, of Mance, were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. A. S. Kresge May 31, 1916. The ceremony was performed at Rev. Kresge's home, Meyersdale, in the presence of Mr. Harry Poorbaugh, Miss Nettie Poorbaugh, Mrs. The ring ceremony was used. The happy couple will spend part of their honeymoon in Chicago. Mr. Poorbaugh is employed in Akron where they will make their home.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bittner of Garrett have announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Miss Carrie Elizabeth, to Mr. George Marker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Marker of Rockwood.

The bride is a member of the graduating class of 1916 of the Garrett High School and is an accomplished young lady. The wedding will be an early event in the present month.

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