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YOUNG MAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

Thrown From His Motorcycle Near Shaw's Mines, Frank Bittner of Boynton, is Instantly Killed.

On Saturday evening, while traveling at great speed on his motorcycle, Fred Bittner, aged 21 years, a miner of Boynton, was hurled from the machine when near Shaw Mines, was picked up unconscious and continued in that condition until death ensued at 9:30 a. m. on Sunday morning.

The unfortunate young man was going at the rate of about 50 miles an hour and when he reached the point where the state road ends, the motorcycle struck the sandy road and he lost control and was hurled about 30 feet striking on the back of his neck, fracturing the skull and dislocating his neck.

A trolley car was just coming when the accident occurred and was stopped and the crew and several passengers carried the injured man aboard. He was taken to his home in Boynton and Dr. P. L. Swank of Salisbury was called and though everything possible was done his injuries were fatal. It was reported that a piece of the fractured skull had pierced the young man's brain. There were indications of dorsal dislocation as the vertebrae was completely paralyzed. When the physician first examined the injured man his pulse was 21, and respiration very faint, making it impossible to afford aid. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bittner of Boynton survive; also three brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held Tuesday with interment at Salisbury.

GRANGE HAS BIG FOURTH

On July 4th the Grangers of Pine Hill and vicinity with their friends had a delightful time on the Fourth. The day was very pleasantly passed in getting to know each other better. Addresses were made by Rev. W. H. B. Carney, Rev. H. H. Wiant, Mrs. Flora Black and the Master of the Grange, Harvey Walker. There was a nice sample of music in the way of solos, duets, quartets and all at once kind, which was very much enjoyed. The meal was partaken of in the good old fashioned way, where everybody gets a chance of what is good in the whole community. A festival was held in the evening which netted the thrifty husbandmen a round hundred. They know how to run a picnic at Pine Hill.

MRS. JASPAR AUGUSTINE HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

What might have been a fatal accident occurred on Tuesday evening about 7:30 o'clock on the old National pike near Addison when the car of Jasper Augustine one of the prominent residents of the county, when traveling at a high rate of speed, collided with another automobile in rounding a curve and all the occupants thrown out.

Mrs. Jaspas Augustine and a son of John Augustine were cut about the face and hands and very badly bruised. They were hurried to the Augustine home at Addison and physicians, who had been called in advance by phone, attended them but found no serious injury and they are getting along nicely.

HON. FRANK B. BLACK APPOINTED STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Governor Brumbaugh Wires Word Saturday. Sketch of Appointment's Career. His Position on Public Road Matters and Management. Son, a Mine Superintendent. Road Building a Hereditary Characteristic. Grandfather Built National Pike.



Our esteemed townsman and one of the county's foremost citizens, Hon. Frank B. Black, Saturday was appointed to his position by Governor Brumbaugh as State Highway Commissioner. Mr. Black was away from his offices in the Citizens National Bank Building on Saturday when his secretary, Mr. J. M. Gagey, received the telegram from the governor.

These who know Mr. Black, know him as a man of integrity and of high force of character that he will not be trifled with in the performance of his high duties. Hon. Frank B. Black was born at Somersfield, this county on August 30, 1864, which gives him to the state in the prime of life. Manhood reached, he embarked with his father in the manufacture of stoneware and later, brick and tile. In 1900 Mr. Black came to Meyersdale and began the development of Somerset county coal until, associated with him, his brother, J. Milton Black, and others, they have a number of mining operations and several fine farms. Mr. Black assisted in the establishment of the Citizens National Bank of this

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SALISBURY'S BIG CELEBRATION

If numbers in respect to human beings is the criterion, then Salisbury made a record on July 4th at her great picnic for it estimated that there were from five to six thousand persons present. The day which put on a frown during the forenoon with promise of rain turned out to be quite delightful in the afternoon. Three street cars were kept on the move between Meyersdale and Salisbury all day and over 7700 fares were collected. Many came by autos and it is supposed there was about 250 machines there at one time. Four bands discoursed music at intervals, namely, Frostburg, Garrett, Meyersdale and Boynton.

The scene of the picnic was on the Chautauqua grounds which is a spacious grove with almost endless ascending slopes. While many brought their own lunches perhaps 2500 were each served with a poke containing two biscuit sandwiches with a piece of the famous ox in between and a tin of coffee plus a pickle to give relish to the fare. It was interesting to watch the apparently famished multitude jostling up to the enclosed square about which was a sort of fence and from which the lunch was handed out each getting the number of pokes he called for and when he was given same rushed away to enjoy the same. The lunches were quite tasty and much enjoyed by all.

The first great event of the day was the parade. This was indeed pretty and varied with perhaps 30 contestants in line. The first prize was won by C. R. Hasselbarth & Son being a trades display of kitchen cabinet and a baker; the second winner was the Elk Lick Millinery store the best decorated outfit was that of the Wild Cat Club of Piney Run in which there was a stuffed wild cat, a live fox and a number of tame cats. The men who were leaders in this were Geo. Engle, Geo. Lawrence and Frank Newman; the second prize winner in this class was Howard Meager; the most fantastic turn-out was that of Herbert Lowry as a trapper; Geo. Wampler was second on a horse dressed in overalls and he himself in the garb of a clown. The best decorated auto was "Ford Peace Party." There were many others in the procession that were meritoriously greeted in their passing and are deserving of honorable mention.

There was trapeze performances by the Damora sisters that was quite a treat to the crowd. The balloon ascension took place at 5:30 and the ascent in the balloon and the descent and without mishap.

A large dancing pavilion was constructed and lovers of this art had an opportunity to indulge themselves all day and evening. The music for the dancing was furnished by Prof. Cavanaugh, of Midland.

In the evening a fine lot of fireworks were put off ending a full day of many delights to the people of Elk Lick and their numerous visitors.

That this occasion was so great a success did not just happen so but was due to the fact that a few workers very hard and that many lent a helping hand. \$500 was subscribed to carry on the work. The main officers were Floyd Wagner Pres. J. L. Barbus, vice Pres.; R. A. Kidner, Sec., and J. Howard Meager, Treas.

Bernard F. Krause was chief marshal of the parade. The heads of the refreshment committee were S. R. Mc Kinley and Jasper Kimmel and were unanimously declared fine caterers.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT UP YOUR BLACK RASPBERRIES IN QUANTITIES AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

at Blainsville Pa he was born May 15 1840, in Stoyestown. He graduated from Allegheny college, Meadville with the class of 1863. For some time after this he taught school, being for some years head of the Johnstown public school system. It was during this period that the Johnstown high school was started. He was ordained about 1870 and served charges at New Derry, Homer City, Latrobe, Ligonier, Coopersdale, Turtle Creek, Blairsville and Butler and was district supt. of the Blairsville district, of the Methodist Episcopal church, about 20 years he retired. Rev. H. P. Johnson, pastor of the Blairsville Methodist church, is a son of A. S. Johnson of Somerset is a brother.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS BROTHER

Tragic Result at Windber of Leaving Loaded Shotgun where Children Playing Can Handle It.

While playing policeman at his home in Windber on Monday evening, Roy Morgan, the 12-year old son of Wm. G. Morgan, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun which had been left standing behind a door. While playing the gun had been moved and the shot struck the side of the boy's head.

Mrs. W. G. Morgan, mother of the boys, died in September, 1915. The father was not at home Sunday evening and the children began playing juvenile games. One of these diversions was called "playing farmer." In this Roy Morgan played the farmer while Theodore and others pretended to be climbing up a cherry tree belonging to the peasant. The "farmer" catches the boys, who try to run away and he is giving Theodore a good shaking when Margaret Jacobson, who was the "policeman," appeared on the scene and proceeded to "arrest" the "farmer" for "disorderly conduct."

At this point in the game Roy ran into the house and got behind the door to hide from the Suffragist "cop" Theodore ran in after him, and finding the shotgun in his way, tried to move it, with the terrible result.

Coroner H. S. Kimmel was notified at his home in Macdonaldton of the accident and decided, on learning the facts, that an inquest would be unnecessary. The funeral of the lad took place on Wednesday afternoon.

OLD MILL IS BURNED

At noon today the old Meyers mill Meyers avenue and Centre street, now owned by the Wilmoth's and now used in the manufacture of ice was discovered to be on fire. The electric light offices are also there. The fire ladders were soon there and had a stream playing on the fire but so fierce was the heat and such headway had been acquired by the flames that for a time it appeared as if the whole structure would be reduced to ashes, but it was gotten under control with the building gutted pretty well from basement to roof.

The fire was first seen by Joan Harding who drives for Habel & Phillips. He called to Julius Smith who has charge of the ice plant that the building was on fire. Mr. Wilmoth and Miss Crowe, the clerk, were in the office then too.

It is supposed that the fire had its origin from the flue of the small furnace which had been kindled for washing the ice cream cans. If that is the case the fire had eaten its way downward as well as out under the large roof for soon the whole rear interior was a seething mass of flames.

Very attractive offices had been built on the first floor of the five or six story structure just a few months ago. These were greatly damaged by water. The front half of the building had been newly roofed within the past five or six months at a cost of over \$500. The loss is probably four thousand dollars partly covered by insurance. During the progress of the fire it was feared that the tanks of ammonia might explode. All of the fittings of the offices were removed to the former office on Meyers avenue.

This building known as the Meyers Mill and which gave the original name to the town has a history of nearly a century back of it having been built in 1826 by the great grandfather of Mr. C. P. Meyers, Jacob Meyers. It was for many years used as a grist mill and about 25 years ago, it was turned into a planing mill and operated by Wilmoth and Leith, and still later into its present use.

For Sale—Two good second hand Indian Motor Cycles. Also all kinds of bicycle and auto supplies. GURLEY'S Sporting Goods Store.

CHAUTAUQUA AGAIN NEXT YEAR

This Year Eclipsed the Other Two Years and Was Successful in Every Respect. Management to be Congratulated.

The Meyersdale Chautauqua given by the Lincoln Chautauqua closed its 30th day session on Monday evening and this year's session was best of any yet held. The local management, of which E. C. Kyle is president, H. M. Cook, secretary and C. Q. Griffith, treasurer, are to be congratulated on the success of this work. The receipts have passed the expenses by perhaps \$100, which is to be placed with the \$157.50 net amount left from last year's Chautauqua, to be conserved for a fund which may help out some shortage in an off year.

Each of the entertainments and all of the lectures were fine and were heartily endorsed by all who were fortunate enough to hear them.

The lecture on "Babies and Folks" delivered by Robert P. Shepherd, while it might be suggestive of humor and fun contained something far better than merriment, for the speaker had a message on community interest that a town, city or county had much in common. Instead of endeavoring to secure big factories for your towns, try to do all of your buying and selling in your own community. He scored the mail order business and made it out that the person who would sell country produce to the town merchant pocket the money and then send in his order for his needs to a mail order house was a pretty mean person, indeed. There is enough money earned in Somerset county to produce wonderful results. The fact is people are too selfish and forget their obligation to the community as a whole.

Another point made should be that whole town or county should be interested in the welfare of every other person because a child belongs to a family of a certain denomination does not mean, if he requires it, that all the other church people should not do what they can to help him.

The lecture on "Marriage and Divorce" by Prof. Gus W. Dyer, of Vanderbilt University, was pronounced by some as the best in the course. The cause of divorce he ascribed to our industrial conditions. Young married couples can't keep house because it costs too much and then a boarding house is resorted to with the wife nothing to do. Work for her would keep her straight. There is too much idleness about the city. A child of five in the country on the farm is self-reliant, but in the city a nuisance. Work for all classes is what is needed.

The lecture on "Electricity" by Reno Welbourn, was finely illustrated and cleared up many of the wrong conceptions people in general have concerning this modern factor in life. He performed experiments that were quite marvelous.

The musical parts of the session were very entertaining and all that one could wish.

On Monday forenoon at 10 o'clock a meeting was held in the basement of the Citizens bank by those interested in the continuance of the Chautauqua and it was decided to sign up for another year with the Lincoln Chautauqua.

FALL OF SLATE NEARLY CUTS NOSE OFF

A few days ago at the Schell Mines of the Consolidation Coal Company, Tony Patsy, an Italian, had his nose nearly cut from his face by a fall of slate while at his work of digging coal.

The falling slate struck Patsy diagonally across the face, starting at the inner corner of his right eye and running to the left side of his neck. The remarkable slash required 25 or 30 stitches and in due time Patsy will be about again, slightly disfigured, but still able to dig coal.

PITTSBURG EXCURSION.
\$1.50—Pittsburg and Return—
Via Western Maryland Ry., Sunday, July 16. Special train leaves Meyersdale 8:20 A. M.

GROVE MEETING

The Evangelical Churches of Wittenberg, Pa. will hold their Annual Grove Meeting from July 8 to 16, in Joseph Bittner's grove on the east side of the pike about 1.2 mile south of Wittenberg. Since this is a beautiful grove it is hoped that it may become a permanent location for these meetings.

A platform large enough to accommodate the speakers and a good sized choir, will be erected and the benches of the Bittner U. E. church will be removed to the grounds, you are urged to come out to every service. Bring a lunch and stay the entire Sabbath days. There will be no grocery nor lunch counter on the grounds.

TRY LARABEE'S FLOUR \$1.70 PER LARGE BAG AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

STEPHEN MCCLINTOCK,
A highly respected citizen of Addison township, died at his residence

F. A. C. JOHNSON
Dr Asbury C. Johnson died June 25