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TO VISIT ALL THE COUNTIES

State Highway Commissioner Black getting Acquainted with Pennsylvania Roads and the People.

Hon. F. B. Black, state Highway Commissioner, was in town yesterday. He is in company with Chief Engineer Uhler and Second Deputy Biles; they are trying to make themselves acquainted with the roads of Penna. Last week they went through the northern tier of counties and yesterday they started to find out for themselves first hand something about the highways of Fayette, Westmoreland, Washington and Greene Counties.

Mr. Black says that he hopes to get into every county in the state before the next legislature meets and he is endeavoring to get acquainted with the people in order that he may better discharge the duties of his responsible office.

The people of Pennsylvania may rest assured that they have a man at the head of the highway department that will give honest values for all money expended. Mr. Black is certainly on to his work and is doing things.

At a meeting of the Berlin Chautauqua Association held in the Pastime Theatre Monday evening a reorganization was effected by the election of the following officers to serve the ensuing term: President, Ed. B. Walker, Vice President, Lewis S. Knepper; Secretary, Alva B. Cober; Treasurer, Jas. P. McCabe.

THINKS DREAD DISEASE STAYED

Dr. C. P. Large of Meyersdale, county medical inspector, is hopeful that the infantile paralysis visitation in Somerset County has been checked, but he is taking no chances. The quarantine established on all the affected homes and sections is being rigorously enforced and it is believed these measures will avail to check an epidemic "before it gets started."

There are now eight cases in Somerset county, as follows: Three in Confluence and one each in Addison township, Lower Turkeyfoot township, Ursina, Cairnbrook and Windber.

The Somerset borough board of health has inaugurated a quarantine against any person living within a radius of three miles of Confluence entering the county seat town, on account of the infantile paralysis situation. The quarantine is made for a period of two weeks.

The quarantine was established on account of the county teachers' institute being in session this week, and it is feared the plague will spread to other sections of the county. It did not prevent teachers from the Confluence region coming to the institute, as the sessions of the same were held in Edgewood grove, which is not within the borough limits.

The quarantine may be extended beyond the two weeks already prescribed in which event it would interfere with jurors going there for September court opening.

FIRE AT CONFLUENCE

Confluence was visited by a costly fire about 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening and before the flames were brought under control damage estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 had been done.

The fire started in Fricks' butcher shop and in turn attacked Sellers' restaurant, which was burned to the ground; the Murphy building. The first National Bank building. The bank building was practically gutted. In it were the postoffice, a barber shop, Saylor's Music store and the Bell and County telephone offices. D. L. Miller, cashier, lived over the bank and lost about all his furnishings. He is a son of S. J. Miller of this place.

The fire is said to have been started by a short circuit.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

Dr. M. R. Milne will be absent from his dental rooms for four or five days of the week beginning Sept. 3.

HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR BUTTER, EGGS, POTATOES WHEAT ETC. AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swauger, three miles from Grantsville on the Gideon Hersberger farm on August 22 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. A long table was erected in the open under a canopy of bunting and flags, indicative as the aged couple remarked "to show that we are loyal citizens of Uncle Sam," and there was put upon it all kinds of viands that are embodied in a many course dinner and of sufficient quantity to gratify the appetites of one hundred more had they come.

This worthy couple are the parents of ten children, 6 sons and 4 daughters, five of the sons and two of the daughters being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Swauger received many valuable presents. Those who responded to the call and were present are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Swauger and family Ruth and John, Mrs. L. Proudi, H. R. Strayer, of Johnstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. John Golden and family of Williams Station Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swauger, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Picquet, Mrs. R. W. George and children, Leo Picquet, Elerslie Md., Mrs. Ed Bealman and daughters, Mary and Edith, Medina Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Punxsutawney, Pa., Mrs. C. J. Otto, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mr. Stephen, New Germany, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Boucher, Mrs. Cora hatton and family, Mrs. Henry Durst and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swauger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swauger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Swauger and family, Edward Haro, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller and family, U. M. Stanton, Lloyd Camp, Lee Beachy, Lenard Custer, Theodore Dye, Blanche Dye.

LITTLE GIRL LOCKJAW VICTIM

Emma Siehl falls from Foot Bridge cutting her Head. Home here. Dies in Somerset. Funeral Tomorrow.

A very pathetic bereavement occurred in this place, by the death of Emma, the 13-year old daughter of Albert Siehl, of Plum Bottom, on Wednesday morning at three o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Eisler, in Somerset, resulting from an accident.

The little girl for she was not large for her age on last Monday evening a week ago was carrying a child of her sister aged two years, about all she could do, and when she came to the foot bridge, very narrow, across Flaughtery creek at the foot of North street, which leads to their home, her grandchild, Emma fell off of the plank leading to the bridge part and very thoughtfully as she was falling threw the child upon some sod, the latter not being injured at all, but in doing so, she was unable to protect herself and struck her head on a sharp rock, causing quite a gash above her left eye and producing a flow of considerable blood; the little heroic girl fainted. The mother called for help and Mrs. Meyers, who lives near where the accident occurred rushed to assist getting Emma home. The father heard the cry of distress and came also. When they got Emma home she was quite weak from loss of blood. The next morning she felt better and went to Dr. Wenzel who closed the wound using one stitch, and but little was thought of the accident.

On Wednesday of last week Emma went with her mother to Somerset to take care of the children of her sister while her mother continued her journey to Johnstown to be with her daughter, Mrs. Eisler who is critically ill in a hospital in that place. On Monday night of this week blood poisoning developed and a little later, lockjaw which resulted in her untimely death.

Her father and mother were both with her at the time of her death. Besides her parents, one brother, Henry of Williamsport, and one sister, Minnie survive.

The deceased was an active member of the Reformed Sunday school and was usually bright. The remains were brought to her home in this place last evening.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, services to be conducted by Rev. Dr. Truxal.

FIRE CO. AT CONNELLSVILLE ON LABOR DAY

The Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Company has accepted the challenge of the Stove Township Fire Department, to contest in a water battle for a purse of \$200 on Labor Day, next Monday at Connessville. The Stove Co. has held the championship cup for five years against all comers and our local boys won all prizes at the recent Glassport convention. The contest that should have taken place at Glassport will now be pulled off at Connessville.

Arrangements are being made for a special car from this place. It would be a favor to the Meyersdale boys, if a big crowd could go to root for the local team. Let those who think of going register their names on or before Saturday night at Dr. Thomas's.

MENGES-OPEL.

William Menges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Menges of Berlin, and Miss Orpha Opel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Opel of Summit township were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents by the Rev. L. N. Wilson of the St. Paul Reformed church. After an elaborate dinner was served the happy couple left for their new home in Akron Ohio.



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

AT POORBAUGH & BOWSER'S SCRAPLE AND SAUSAGE

WERE ARRESTED FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Two young men of Garrett, Charles Burkholder and William Fidler, on Saturday hired a horse and buggy in this place of Liveryman Ickes. They proceeded towards Rockwood but had not gone far before some one along the way realized that the men were not in a good condition to take care of a horse owing to a certain degree of intoxication, as they were abusing the animal. Word was phoned to Mr. Ickes that his horse was being abused by being driven too hard. Mr. Ickes at once procured an auto taking with him officer Smith and Constable Bittner, catching up to the men near Rockwood. They were brought back to Meyersdale and placed in the lockup. On Saturday night they came to their senses and by the payment of \$25 in costs etc. they were released.

KNIERIEM-KRESGE

On Monday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Carl Reed, at Ephrata, Pa. Mr. George Gilbert Knieriem, a son of Dennis Knieriem, of this place was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Claire Kresge, daughter of Rev. A. S. Kresge, of Meyersdale, the last named performing the ceremony. The happy couple are now enjoying a sojourn by the seaside before returning to this place. Both of the contracting pair are very estimable people and as such are cordially welcomed to the list of home-makers.

While at Ephrata Rev. Kresge officiated in baptizing his granddaughter Isabelle Louise Reed.

EXPERTS TO BE JUDGES AT MEYERSDALE FAIR

Secretary D. J. Fike Secretary of the Meyersdale Fair and Race Association has secured assent from the State Agricultural Department at Harrisburg that expert judges will be sent to judge the merits of Somerset County stock, poultry produce etc. The managers of the Fair say that everything is progressing finely for a great big time at the fair grounds, Sept. 19 to 23. Look for ad in next issue.

DIE HAUSFRAUEN JOIN STATE BODY

The August meeting of Die Hausfrauen met at the home of Mrs. Walter M. Boose, Schoenfeld farm and was largely attended. Mrs. Silas Walker and her granddaughter Mrs. Norman Hay of Brotherhood Farm entertained with Mrs. Boose.

The most important work of the day was acceptance of an invitation to join the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women. This move makes Die Hausfrauen National members of a great intelligent body of women who are doing things worth while, and entitles them to send delegates to Federation Conventions where ever held in the United States. Die Hausfrauen will send delegates to Phila., to the State Convention in Oct. at which place the Somerset County President, Flora S. Black has been invited to present this new place of country women's work.

In a letter to Mrs. Black, Miss D. B. Bert, Vice President of State Federation says "The Federation includes a large variety of woman's organizations, current event classes, alumnae associations, village improvement, civic, art, musical, literary, press and department clubs, all finding a place within its ranks. Joining it does not hinder or limit the work of any club; the Federation simply offers to its members sympathy, help and co-operation in that which they are doing, and brings them to a fuller and larger life. To this body of women I welcome your splendid organization, Die Hausfrauen, and God-speed your movement may it bring both a spiritual and social awakening in your community, keep it doing in all directions."

The day was concluded by a splendid talk by Somerset County's new farm agent, Mr. McDowell, setting forth his work among us and his desire to be service in making our farms better paying and easier working problems.

The September meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ada Meyers Upland farm, Summit Township

LARGEST STOCK OF FLOUR AND FEED AND LOWEST PRICES AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

TO PAY \$2,000 TO WATER CO.

To Avoid Litigation, Meyersdale Council Decides Tuesday to Pay Delinquent Fire Protection Dues.

For the past four years the Sand Spring Water Company of this place had been trying to continue a 10-year contract with the Borough of Meyersdale for furnishing the water for fire protection, namely \$500 per annum.

It was in October 1912 when the previous contract expired and all councils since that date had refused to renew the contract on the ground that the rate was excessive. To bring the affair to some sort of a finish last week the water company enter suit for the recovery of \$2,000 back rental. Rather than involve the town in a prolonged and expensive litigation, for of the seven councilmen on Tuesday night voted to pay the amount asked.

Officers of the Water Company claim that towns of the same size are paying even more than what is asked of Meyersdale, that while the company is capitalized at \$50,000 it has invested \$95,000 in the plant they are paying the stockholders only 6 per cent. on the capital stock or a little over three percent on the actual money invested that the company now has an indebtedness of 116,000 and will soon have to make additional improvements involving \$15,000 more that the low pressure of water in residences is due to old corroded pipes.

Council as a whole is to be commended indeed to try to secure a low rate as possible and they would be remiss in their duty, did they not do so.

COPPER THIEF PLACED IN JAIL

Frank Herwig, of Garrett, was arrested at Plum Bottom, on Saturday afternoon for trying to sell 500 lbs of copper wire to Junk Dealer Shapairo and it was through the skillful plans of the latter that his arrest was accomplished.

A few days preceding the arrest, Shapairo was approached by Herwig and another man they telling him that they had 500 lbs. of copper wire which they would sell him at a much reduced price. As the market price of copper is now 20 cents per lb., there was some money involved in the transaction. The men who had the copper which they wanted to turn in to coin came on Saturday morning and told Shapairo that they must have a team to haul it and that he should accompany them to the place where they had the metal. Shapairo pleaded that he could not go, but that he would get a man to go with a team with them.

As soon as the men had gone Shapairo at once hunted up the officers, Hare and Bittner, and proceeded to Shapairo's junk house on lower Broadway, but they found the copper delivered but the men had apparently gone. Such was not the case for later they found Herwig hidden in the barn. He was put under arrest and late that afternoon told all about the robbery which will appear in the court proceedings in September term.

A hearing was held on Monday before Squire Hay and Herwig in default of bail was taken on Tuesday to the county jail by Constable Bittner.

MRS. MORRIS E. WARNER

Mrs. Morris Engle Warner, died at her home near Pocahontas on August 18, aged 53 years. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The service was held in St. Mark's Reformed church, Pocahontas, conducted by Rev. I. S. Monn of Salisbury. Interment was made in the Greenville cemetery. The deceased was a life long member of St. Paul's Reformed church. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, five daughters and one son, and a large number of friends.

Rev. Harry B. Angus of Washington D. C., will preach in the Lutheran church in this place next Sunday morning 10:30 o'clock. The adult Bible Class, both of the ladies and of the men will meet at 9:30 a. m. for the study of the lesson.

COUNCIL GETS COLD FEET ON WATER QUESTION

(Communicated Article.)

At a special meeting of Borough Council held on Tuesday night, August 29th, the recent suit of the Sand Spring Water Company against the borough was considered.

Upon motion of Shipley and seconded by Deeter it was decided to pay the water company, the amount of \$2,000 which it claimed since October 1912. Former councils objected to paying at the rate of \$500 per year for fire protection, claiming that this rate was excessive owing to the defective condition of the water plugs at certain points and the very low pressure at most plugs.

This settlement, if accepted by the Sand Springs Water Company will result in an increase of the taxes upon the citizens of the borough.

The vote on the proposition was as follows:—For settlement with the Water Company:—W. H. Deeter, B. E. Shipley, Harvey Emeigh, H. T. Staub; Against the proposition:—James Darnley, Howard Saylor, Chas. H. Dia. As there was no tie vote, the president did not vote but agreed with those councilmen voting against settlement on the terms previous to 1912.

MT. LEBANON CHURCH PLACING MEMORIAL WINDOWS

The pastor, Rev. A. S. Kresge, and the congregation of Mt. Lebanon Reformed Church are directing their energies in part towards the placing in their attractive temple of worship fine family memorial windows. They are costing \$40 each and will greatly enhance the esthetic effect of the church. This congregation under the present pastorate has accomplished some remarkable work.

COUNTY INSTITUTE IN SESSION

The sixtieth annual session of the Somerset County Teachers' institute opened on Monday afternoon at Edgewood Grove at Somerset, being the first time in its history, that the organization was held out of doors, and owing to heavy storms and a fall of temperature the first part of the week was none too pleasant. All had to wear wraps.

The institute was called to order by Co. Supt. D. W. Seibert, and following a few remarks, introduced Prof. O. H. Yetter who has charge of the music. He is assisted at the piano by Miss Eleanor Colborn. Rev. S. G. Buckner conducted the devotional services. Prof. J. H. Fike, principal of the Somerset schools made an address of welcome reviewing in brief the history of the public school system in the county. He was responded to by Prof. A. B. Cober of Berlin emphasizing the need of a well trained teaching force.

Dr. W. S. Hertzog, principal of California State Normal School spoke on the boy and his job giving stress to evening and trades, schools. The theme of Dr. J. W. Wright superintendent of the Uniontown schools was "Teaching as one having authority, holding Him up as a model. Judge Geo. D. Allen, of Massachusetts talked along the same line in the evening urging a correction of industrial wrongs by exalting the sermon on the Mount. He was very witty.

On Tuesday following the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. F. Hoffmiser, Dr. Hertzog spoke on Pennsylvania History" showing the worth of knowing local history, exalting picnics, public gatherings etc.

Dr. Subrie who is a native of Somerset County dwelt upon a more practical education, for elementary schools.

Dr. Wright showed by statistics that on 60 per cent of efficiency was attained by schools in the irregular attendance, saying that there were in the county 21,508 pupils enrolled and only an average daily attendance of 12,394. This is due to of efficient organization and proper classification.

There are 504 teachers in the county, thirty of these are college graduates and forty-two hold State Normal certificates, while the remaining four hundred and thirty-two hold either permanent or provisional certificates. Seventy-two of the 504 have had no previous teaching experience.

A list of all of the teachers of the county appears elsewhere in this issue.