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REPORT OF THE REFORMED SYNOD

The Statistics Read—Fine Tribute Paid to Dr. A. E. Truxal Relative to the Church Work.

The Forty-seventh Annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church, resumed the business on Thursday. The Rev. E. M. Dietrick of Punxsutawney conducted the opening services. The completion of the organization followed. The Rev. W. C. Sykes of Greensburg, Pa. was elected Vice President. The Rev. David Dunn of Turtle Creek, Pa. was elected Corresponding Secretary. Rev. J. H. Mickle, D. D. of Johnstown, Pa. is Stated Clerk. The Rev. Frank Wetzel of Stoyestown, Pa. read his report as Treasurer. During the past year the Treasurer received \$37,434.27. He paid out \$35,036.49. The arrearage on apportionment was \$8,795.52. Allegheny Classis was the only one to pay the apportionment in full.

There are 70 ministers in attendance and 40 elders. President A. B. Bauman appointed the various standing committees. These committees are now preparing their reports which will be presented later. Representatives of the various Boards of the church and Educational Institutions will be heard on Friday. The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported the day. The standing committee on Ministerial Necrology was first to report. The Rev. D. M. Lady, D. D. reported that two ministers of Synod had passed away during the year, Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D. and Rev. J. F. Wiant.

The committee on Smithfield street Church property presented a lengthy report. The Rev. Cyrus Cort, D. D. is chairman. After considerable discussion the following resolution was passed.

"That the committee on the Smithfield street case be continued and that said committee is hereby again directed, to ask the court of common pleas of Allegheny County, Pa. to appoint three trustees to hold and administer lots 455 and 456 on Smithfield street and property thereon in accordance with the original grant of the Penn heirs on June 18, 1788, which created three trustees who with their successors were to hold said lots forever exclusively for use of the two religious societies known as the church holding the unaltered Augsburg Confession and the protestant Reformed Church of which Rev. John Wm. Weber was their pastor, who was a regular minister of the Reformed Church."

This evening the Rev. A. M. Kelfer, Supt. of the St. Paul's Orphans Home at Greenville, Pa. presented the claims of this institution. The Revs. J. W. Menninger, D. D. and D. N. Dittmar spoke on the subjects of Ministerial Relief.

The attendance at the 47th annual meeting of Pittsburgh Synod is on the increase. Ministers and elders from various parts of the church are reporting each day.

The Rev. Chas. H. Brandt, of Altoona, spoke in regard to the work of the Anti-Soloon League.

This morning after the devotional exercises the Rev. Paul J. Dundore, Ph. D. of Latrobe, Pa. delivered a stirring address upon the subject, "The duty of the Church to the Amusements of the Day."

The order of the day to hear the representatives of the various Boards and Institutions of the Church.

Hood College, Frederick, Md. was represented by President J. H. Apple. Joseph S. Wise, Treasurer of the Board together with District Superintendent Rev. D. A. Souders, spoke in regard to the work of Home Missions.

The Rev. W. E. Hoy, of Yochow, China, represented the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Dr. R. W. Miller addressed the Synod as the representative of the publication and Sunday School Board.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, spoke in behalf of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Mercersburg Academy was represented by the Rev. A. S. Dechant of Hanover, Pa.

The case of Ministerial Relief was presented by the Revs. Lewis Robb, D. D., and D. N. Dittmar.

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BOOSTER CLUB PHONE RATES

The Meyersdale Boosters club held a large and enthusiastic meeting in the basement of the Second National Bank on Wednesday evening for the purpose of taking action in regard to the proposed inauguration of local exchange telephone toll rates, which hitherto have been free.

There were present 70 persons in all, constituting stockholders of the telephone companies, farmers of this section and Hon. Frances J. Kooser, Esq. of Somerset. The question was very thoroughly discussed. Judge Kooser said that for him the rate would cost in tolls annually several hundred dollars and others said if exchange tolls were to go into effect that it would cost them two or three times what they are now paying. Even many of the stockholders of the company felt that it was not the best thing to do. There is a deficiency in the treasury of the Economy Company due to extensions and improvements. Previous to this year, a dividend of five per cent had been paid to the stockholders.

A couple of committees were appointed, one to confer with the Public service commission and the other with the Board of Directors of the Telephone Company.

It was suggested that it had been better to have made an increased flat rate per annum and then the patrons would know just how much it would cost them. It is believed that the toll rate will not go into effect.

WILLIAM SEGGE

This morning when Mrs. William Segge of Keystone st. awoke she found her husband did not respond to her call and soon found that he died during the night. Mr. Segge had been about town yesterday.

He was aged 66 years. There survive him the following children: John of Akron; James of Cumberland; Mrs. S. J. Hartline Wooster, Ohio; Mrs. John Winter, of Braddock; Mrs. Paul Hornig Shaw Mines; Mrs. John Stein and Edward of Meyersdale. The funeral will probably be held on Saturday.

COMPENSATION NOT

ALLOWED TEACHER

Referee Jacob Snyder of Altoona, head of the Sixth Workmen's compensation district of Pennsylvania, one day last week handed down his decision of the case of Miss Mary M. Coleman of Berlin, employed as a school teacher by the Somerset township board of education. The claimant asked compensation for disability experienced from a broken leg, sustained while on her way to dinner on March 29.

The referee, in making his decision, disallowed the claim on the grounds that the woman was injured while away from her employers' premises and was not at the time of the accident engaged in the furtherance of her employers' business. The case was up for a hearing about a week ago in Somerset.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR

CIVIC LEAGUE.

The Civic League at its last regular meeting elected the following officers for the coming year and also selected delegates to the State Federation League.

The new officers are—President, Mrs. S. B. Philson; Vice Pres., Mrs. W. H. Dill; Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Livengood; Secretary, Miss Jessie McKinley.

The chosen delegates are Mrs. Jennie Wilmoth; alternate, Mrs. S. B. Philson; the next meeting of the League will be held in the council chamber the First Thursday in November, being the second day of the month. It is desired that all members be present at that meeting to hear the report of the delegates.

An oyster supper will be held in the basement of the Reformed Church at Pochontas on Saturday evening October 28. Let everybody, have a good time, and a good supper.

The New Rush Hotel at Addison is surely doing a rushing business as last Sunday 47 autos stopped for supper and 20 autos for dinner.

LOST \$101 ONLY IN IMAGINATION

That a man may lose in Meyersdale his well-filled wallet containing \$101 and then recovery the same after an absence of two days is the experience of William Valentine at Shaw Mines.

Last Saturday evening Mr. Valentine came to town and fell in with some boon comrades, and while he did not get 100 per cent lost in the flowing bowl, he acknowledges that he was a little off to such an extent that ideas were a little hazy. When he got home on Saturday night on Sunday, which was the "morning after" things began to take on a transparent and finally a crystalline hue; it was then he found he had no purse. He recalled that he had been in Tom and Jim's shoe store, where he had bought some foot wear. He found that earlier he had bought a hatchet and that where he laid the hatchet down, he came to the conclusion that he must have laid his purse. In this he was right his purse having been discovered by one of the honest ones of earth, a member of that firm had put away for safe keeping. The hatchet was left where it had been placed until Monday morning. He went to this store and obtained his \$101. Though the skies were overcast and it was truly the proverbially blue Monday, the day was to him the best of all the year.

The above up to a late hour was thought to be true, and it true in every respect, but it one, and that was Mr. Valentine had 101 cents instead of that many dollars in his purse. His pipe dream lasted longer than we gave him creditor. The next time he cries "Bear" the public will wink at him.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Sunday last Mrs. John S. Saylor, High street gave a dinner in honor of her husband's 44th birthday. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Saylor interesting family were H. C. Staub; and Urban Fuller. It was a good old fashioned dinner and greatly enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of partaking of it. All present and particularly the invited guests, hoped that Mr. Saylor might live to see 44 more birthdays and judging from his appetite on this occasion he probably will.

SEPARATED WIDOW

TO BE COMPENSATED Finding that Annie S. Miller, of Everett, a widow, was an actual dependent upon her husband at the time he was killed while in the employ of Joseph E. Thropp, of Bedford, although she had separated from him, was living with her mother and wasn't really getting any support from him. The State Workmen's Compensation Board on Saturday decided that compensation must be paid for her and her two little children by Thropp. Chairman Harry C. Mackey, in writing the decision, up held Referee Snyder, of Altoona, in every particular.

The case presented novel features. Some months ago the Compensation Board ruled that a widow was not entitled to compensation when, before her husband was killed, she had left him, repudiated offers of assistance, returned money he sent her and had become self-supporting. In that case the board laid down the principle that "a widow's dependency is one of fact and not of law;" this ruling is reiterated in the Miller-Thropp case.

Mrs. Miller sued her husband for desertion and non-support and got a court order. Miller was in arrears in payments. Mrs. Miller earned three or four dollars each week herself. "Such a condition is not a theoretical but an actual dependency," says Mackey's opinion.

The Compensation Board also sustains the referee's award of compensation to Frank Inzana from the Cowanshannock Coal & Coke Company, of Punxsutawney. It was found on the earnings of a son killed in the employ of the company.

ADDISON.

Last Saturday evening Miss Mae Jeffreys while sitting in a store a large Tarantula which had crept out of a bunch of bananas got on her dress and was carried to her home before discovered. Miss Mae considered herself very lucky by not being bitten as their bite usually means death.

Gathering pumpkins and husking corn is the order of the day.

COMPANY C. ARRIVES HOME

Accorded a Big Reception Last Wednesday Night—In Charge of Capt. Truxal.

Captain W. Curtis Truxal, Lieutenants Charles J. Harrison and Wilbur Schell, and the "boys" of Company C, Tenth Regiment N. G. P., were given a royal welcome on their return from the Mexican border at a late hour Wednesday night at Somerset. The town was brilliantly illuminated and more elaborately decorated than ever before in its history in honor of the returning guardsmen.

At nearly midnight they were escorted from the B. & O. station by Elsie Sheets Drum corps and the Boys Band of Somerset, where a fine banquet awaited them, Captain Truxal whose father is Rev. Dr. Truxal of this place, in response to an address of welcome extended the company to Rev. Hoffmeyer said:

"My friends, speaking for the officers and men of Company C, I want to say that words cannot express the feeling we all have over the magnificent reception you have tendered us to night. I am truly overwhelmed and I know that all of the boys are! I took eighty-one men to the border and eighty-one have returned home. A more loyal lot of 'boys' never lived and I want you to know that there was not one of my company called, before a court martial. We are glad to be back in 'God's country' and we appreciate to the fullest everything that the people of Somerset have done for us and this splendid welcome."

The members of the Company have not yet been mustered out.

They are subject to the regular military routine, but Captain Truxal is allowing the "boys" as much freedom as possible and many of them have donned their civilian clothes. The Captain shook himself into civilian clothes Friday and for a few hours felt like the proverbial fish out of water, probably as much on account of his having lost six or seven inches of his girth measurement as anything else. Lieutenants Harrison and Schell have been busy making triplicate reports of all articles of federal property brought home by the company and they will be prepared for the mustering out officer when he arrives.

A regular army officer will do the mustering out. Each man will be required to undergo a physical examination. Just how strict this will be depends upon the surgeon. The examination is to see if the men suffered any disability while they were in the federal service. A man who shows up a clean bill of health has no chance of getting a pension. Every man will be required to account for all government property, from haversack to shoe strings in his possession.

PUBLIC SALE—at Summit Mills on Friday, Nov. 10, 1916 at One O'Clock. 2 seated spring wagon, new homemade two-horse wagon, 4 good wheels for four-horse wagon, new 3 1/2 inch tread, set of survey wheels with axle, plow, ax, saws; augers; lawn mower, kettles, heating stove, rifle, sewing machine, new meat cupboards, 125-year old bureau etc.

S. M. FULLEM, W. S. Weller, Auctioneer

MR. BEACHLY MOVES

TO BROWNSVILLE

Mr. E. M. Beachly, wife and little daughter Margaret left Meyersdale on Sunday last to make their home in Brownsville Pa. where Mr. Beachly will engage in business. Mr. Beachly was born here and lived here all his life with the exception of several years spent in Nebraska. Good bye and good luck to Mr. Beachly and family.

SMITH—REITZ

On Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in the presence of a small company at the home of A. G. Smith on the avenue by Rev. A. E. Truxal, Mr. Edgell Ohr Smith, the son of A. G. Smith and Miss Helen Eleanor Reitz of Salisbury were united in marriage. Mr. Smith and his bride left on Duquesne on Monday morning for Randolph East of Somerset where he has charge of a coal mine.

EXHIBIT ON FEEBLE MINDEDNESS

On October 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, at the Assembly room of the Court House, the Somerset Civic Club, W. C. T. U. Tuesday afternoon Club and the Fortnightly Club will show the famous exhibit on Feeble Mindedness which has been prepared by the Pittsburgh Charities Association and which has been touring the state, with a view to educating the public upon the subject of Feeble mindedness in order to forego the pressure of enlightened public opinion to bear upon the next legislature, to procure an appropriation for a village of Feeble mindedwomen, ground for which, in Union County, has already been acquired by the State. Every minister, teacher, principal, physician and public spirited citizen in this community should see this exhibit which is a liberal education in social preparedness. The exhibit will fill 10 large booths, each of which will be in charge of a guide appointed by the presidents of these clubs, to serve on each day of the exhibit, to explain to visitors its theory. Everybody welcome.

MRS. MARY SMITH

Wife of Mr. Mark Smith of this place, died at her home on Main street this Thursday morning at little past two o'clock. Mrs. Smith had not been in good health for several years but became helpless a few days ago. She was aged 67 years.

The deceased was born and grew to womanhood in the vicinity of Frostburg. Following her marriage she and her husband lived in and about Meyersdale the rest of her life. There survive her five daughters and two sons; Mrs. J. F. Rejeh, Meyersdale; Misses Mollie and Leota, of Pittsburgh; Miss Sarah, at home; Mrs. Ruth Ridge, Logan, O.; James of Enid, O. and Wm. B. who is in the marine service at Port Royal, S. C.

The funeral services will be held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Catholic Church, following which interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

SHIPLEY—LEONARD

An interesting and delightful social event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Leonard, Salisbury st. Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock when their youngest daughter, Miss Kathryn Louise, was united in marriage to Mr. Fulton Norwood Shipley, son of Postmaster J. T. Shipley of this place, the officiating clergyman being a brother-in-law of the groom, Rev. Charles Tilp, of Kittanning, Pa.

The bride looked indeed charming in a beautiful white gown with tulle veil. The matron of honor was a sister of the bride, Mrs. Rome L. Shirley of McKeesport, who was gowned in orchid pink taffeta. Wm. Thornley was best man. Miss Evelyn Truxal sang in her characteristic delightful manner preceding the ceremony and also played the wedding march. Rhododendron and fern with chrysanthemums in pink and lavender constituted very pretty decorations for the Leonard home.

Out of town guests were Misses, Bess, Carrie and Louise Harrison of Cumberland, Md., Prof. and Mrs. Rome L. Shirley and Chas. White of McKeesport, Miss Ida Shirley of Apollo, Miss Evelyn Truxal of Bellevue, Miss Edith Gurley and Llewellyn Rowe of Pittsburgh, Mrs. J. B. Levell and Miss Lulu Bishop of Fairmont, W. Va., Rev. and Mrs. Charles Tilp of Kittanning, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Floto, Connellsville, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mercer of Johnsburg.

The honeymoon trip embraces a far western journey, the terminus of which is a large farm belonging to the groom in Saskatchewan Canada. Following a stay there and at some of the principal cities enroute, they purpose in December returning to Meyersdale, their home to be on Meyers avenue next above Mr. A. G. Smith's home.

Both of the contracting pair are very estimable people. Mr. Shipley is a member of the Shipley Hardware Co.

FINED \$20 FOR COON SHOOTING.

State Game Protector Bittner arrested Wm. Smith of near Glencoe one day last week for shooting two coons out of season. The fine of \$20 and costs were paid by Mr. Smith and the matter was dropped.

TO START VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Die Hausfrauen is Making Arrangements to Benefit Country With Trade Institution. Interesting Meeting.

The Annual meeting of Die Hausfrauen, Somerset County's association of farm women, was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Flora B. Black, Holland Farm where it originated two years ago. Numerous new branches were well represented at this meeting and the day was spent arranging for the many branches of work the society will take up the next year.

The first will be a vocational school for this section, a new feature in schools for county children which is supported by both state and federal government and is making rapid progress in rural districts. Washington county, our neighbor has the finest schools of this kind in the state and Somerset county always leading in educational moves could not be satisfied to be second in this movement. At an early date Hon. Charles E. Patton, Secretary of Agriculture and Professor Denny of Harrisburg, will through Die Hausfrauen make addresses on this subject here in the county, the time and place to be published later.

Owing to the requests from different parts of the state for organizations of Die Hausfrauen, Flora S. Black, now County President was elected State President and together with the committee on organization expects to organize many societies during the coming year. The motto of Die Hausfrauen is "For Happiness." Who would not belong to such a society which assures its members of 365 days of Capital Stock in a happy day syndicate.

The first society of Die Hausfrauen elected the following officers for the coming year. Pres. Mrs. Harvey P. Berkley, Locust Grove Farm, Vice Pres. Mrs. Edison Hay, Fairview Farm Sec. Mrs. Walter M. Boose Schoenfeld Farm, Tres. Mrs. Walter Hay Buffalo Valley Farm. As the society has recently become affiliated with the State Federation it will send the following representatives to the State meeting which convenes at Phila the week of Oct. 23. Pres. Flora S. Black, Delegates, Mrs. Harvey P. Berkley, Mrs. Walter M. Boose, Alternates, Mrs. Edison Hay, Mrs. Walter Hay.

Die Hausfrauen is the only rural organization ever admitted to the Federation, and as it has attracted a great deal of attention Flora S. Black, the founder has been asked to explain its features and its success at this meeting.

LESS MEN AT SHAW MINES

The Consolidation Coal Company has been operating its works at Shaw Mines with non union men and during the past three months about 100 men have been discharged when either they joined the union or it was surmised that they had become members of the union.

Of late quite a number have been discharged. No. 2 mine is working at its capacity but No. 1, mine has about one half the number they could use under normal conditions.

The company will not tolerate any semblance of unionism, and it is reported that it is the determination of the company to close down for good if they can't get enough non-union men to operate them.

CRAMER—MITCHELL

At high noon, Sunday last at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Mitchell, Confluence, Mr. Samuel D. Cramer and Miss Florence E. Mitchell were united in marriage by Rev. D. P. Morris. Following the wedding dinner the happy pair left for a western trip stopping at Akron, Chicago and Minneapolis. The parents of the groom Mr. and Mrs. David Cramer and his sister, of Meyersdale, attended the ceremony. The groom is the efficient and gentlemanly freight and baggage agent at the B. & O. Station in this place.