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GRAND JURY FOR GOOD ROADS

If Somerset county fails to secure her share of good roads this year "a thunder" he is out somewhere," to quote the late Fred Laus.

The grand jury which adjourned Thursday evening unanimously approved the petition of the County Commissioners asking authority to build a four-mile stretch from Brotherton to Berlin, and recommended that only the best materials, preferably brick and concrete be used.

The members of the grand jury seemed to be as enthusiastically in favor of county-aid in road building as were all of the swarm of citizens present from nearly every section of the county. There was not a dissenting voice heard in the crowd that jammed court room No. 2; everybody present was a good roads booster, and while many were anxious to speak only representatives of organizations and officials were allowed to do so.

One of the speakers in urging approval of the plans prepared by the County Commissioners renewed attention to the fact that the officials named had acted in presenting the matter to the grand jury only after they had held repeated consultations with State Highway Commissioner F. B. Black and on receiving assurances that the work would be the first taken up by his department as soon as weather conditions will permit. Attention was also renewed to the promises made by Governor Brumbaugh and his Highway Chief that the uncompleted link of State Road between Somerset and Jennertown will be built this season.

"Somerset county has now done everything she was requested to do," the speaker said, and if we do not get some good roads this summer it will not be because we as citizens have not acted in entire good faith. In case of failure to enter on a plan of permanent good road building, with the opening wedge between the Lincoln Highway and the National road, via Somerset, Brothertown, Berlin, Meyersdale and Salisbury, early this spring, the responsibility will rest on other shoulders, not on ours."

Highway Commissioner Black failed to keep an engagement to appear before the grand jury owing to official duties which detained him at Harrisburg, but he has accepted an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Somerset Board of Trade next Friday night, when he will doubtless have something to disclose regarding the action of the grand jury and the plans he has made for carrying forward the State's share of the proposed work.

Before the grand jury took up consideration of the petition presented by the County Commissioners they were fully instructed by Judge W. H. Ruppel as to their authority and the law. His Honor explained the Acts of Assembly authorizing and regulating the building of State-aid roads and pointed out the disadvantage Somerset county has heretofore been at, failing to secure her proportionate share of the fund appropriated by the legislature for aiding the counties in their road building programs.

The action of the grand jury meets with the approval of practically every citizen of the county, since it means that a start is to be made to lift Somerset county out of the mud by building highways fit for use every day in the year.

Highway Commissioner Black's program for this year in Somerset county includes the completion of the State road between Jennertown and Brothertown, where it will connect with the country road to be built between Brothertown and Berlin. The Commissioner's plans call for extending the road from Berlin to the Maryland state line next year.

YOU NEED A SPRING LAXATIVE
Dr. King's New Life Pills will remove the accumulated wastes of winter from your intestines, the burden of the blood. Get that sluggish spring fever feeling out of your system, brighten your eye, clear your complexion. Get that vim and snap of good purified healthy blood. Dr. King's New Life Pills are a non-gripping laxative that aids nature's process, try them tonight. At all druggists, 25c.

Oyster shell, heneta grit, charcoal, alfalfa meal and poultry mash at Haber & Phillips.

GARRETT GATHERING

Hospital Returns.

Mr. Norman Romesburg, went to Cumberland Wednesday and brought his daughter Agnes home, who underwent an operation at the Western Maryland Hospital several weeks ago for appendicitis.

Taken to Hospital.

Mrs. John Fiddler, was taken to the Western Maryland Hospital at Cumberland, last Friday evening on train No. 23, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She was accompanied by her sons, Earl and Herbert, and her physician, Dr. R. T. Pollard, and the last report was that she was resting well.

Accident.

Last Saturday while playing with six, Ernest the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Judy, met with a very painful accident, having cut his thumb so badly that it was necessary to summon a physician.

Society.

Mrs. L. A. Phennick, delightfully entertained the Fancy Work Club at her home on Church street last Wednesday.

Mrs. A. R. Miller entertained the W. W. Society Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent doing fancy work. During the course of the afternoon a dainty lunch was served.

Church Notices.

Luthren—W. H. B. Carney, pastor; Sunday school 10 a. m. Church services 11 a. m.

Reformed—H. H. Wiant, pastor; Sunday School 10 a. m. Church services 11 a. m.

Brotherhood—B. F. Waltz, pastor; Sunday school 10 a. m. Church services 2 p. m.

Evangelical—Rev. Hetrick, pastor; Sunday school 10 a. m. Church services 2 p. m.

Personals.

A. R. Miller was transacting business at Somerset last Thursday.

Mr. Washington Rector of Somerset, spent last week visiting his son, Mr. Chas. Rector.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Phennick were shopping in Cumberland, Md., last week.

Dr. R. T. Pollard made a professional trip to Fairhope last Thursday.

Mrs. Norman Romesburg, visited her daughter, Agnes at the Western Maryland Hospital, Cumberland, last Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Judy was a visitor at the county-seat last week.

P. E. Welmer of Rockwood, was calling on old acquaintances last Thursday.

Miss Emma Schrock, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Bowman at Pittsburg.

Mrs. R. M. Miller left last week to visit friends in Baltimore, Md. She expects to be gone a week or two.

Miss Mayme Tucker, visited her aunt, Mrs. O. L. Wetzel in Pittsburg from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Rene Brant, spent the week with relatives and friends in Somerset.

Miss Lillian Buckman, of Berlin was the guest of the Misses Brant's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fiddler were Cumberland visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida V. Brant and sons, J. Edgar and George, were visiting Berlin friends on Monday.

Mr. W. H. Miller, left last week for Morgantown, W. Va., where he is engaged in business.

Meyers Bittner, who is employed at Pittsburg, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bittner.

Mr. Harry Swarmer, a popular B. & O. conductor, spent Friday with his family in Garrett.

Mrs. R. M. McClellan, visited Rev. and Mrs. W. A. McClellan at Rockwood since Thursday last.

Mrs. Henry Naylor, of Meyersdale, spent Thursday as the guest of Mrs. S. P. Lease.

Mrs. E. L. Fiddler, was at Cumberland last Saturday.

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A GOLDEN WEDDING

The following clipping from Cherry Valley, Illinois paper sent to us by a friend and to which we cheerfully give place. The couple mentioned are known to many people here, who will be pleased to hear of their good health, prosperity and long life.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Boyer is being celebrated at their home in this village today. The immediate relatives, of whom there are a goodly number, gathered at the home of this elderly couple in honor of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have participated in many of the trying times and shared some of the glories that our nation has passed through. They are of retiring disposition and love the quiet of their home. They never mix in neighborhood contentions. They have labored hard, have often been deprived themselves, are thrifty beyond the knowledge of most of the present generation, and in domestic economy this couple are past masters.

When an seventeen years of age, Mr. Boyer enlisted in the Union army, Company K, Twenty-Eighth regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered in Nov. 17, 1861 at Point of Rocks, sixteen miles from Harpers Ferry. He served three years, the full term of enlistment, then reenlisted for three years more, but was mustered out July 18, 1865, the war having ended. He took part in the following battles: Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, 100 days fight, Rappahannock, and Sherman's March to the Sea, besides a long list of smaller skirmishes. His is a remarkable record, having never been seriously wounded, never sick, never a cent of extra cost to the government, almost constantly fighting, never a minute of lost time in the three years, eight months and one day of his service. He never applied for a pension until it was handed to him under the general pension law.

After the war he returned to Pennsylvania, worked in a saw mill and at other labors. There he was married. The wedding tour consisted of a romantic trip over the mountains, ten miles on foot to be married, and back the same way. On the return, they were nearly held in the mountains by a mountain freshet which sprang up during the day. They lived for some time in Fairhope, Pa. They came west in 1882, to Ridott, then near Byron, and to Cherry Valley they kept a hotel for some time and here he also followed the carpenter's trade, during which time he made many acquaintances in this and surrounding counties, all of whom will be glad to know that the couple are passing their sunset days in their own home in quietude and serenity.

A Birthday Party.

Miss Elith Jenkin arranged a birthday party for her seven year old nephew Albert Bittner, at his home last Tuesday which was a complete surprise to Master Albert. Fourteen guests had been invited and the party occupied the time from 5 until 7 o'clock and there was something doing all the time, such as solving riddles, playing games, charades and listening to the hostess relate fairy tales. Those present were Mary Ryland, Beatrice Rothenstiel, Dorothy Hader, Dorothy Floto, Frances Layton, Samuel Philson, Harry Walsh, George Blake, Mary Frances Clutton, who with Albert Bittner presided at the piano, and John Layton, who manipulated the gramophone. At luncheon time the hostess furnished the party in line and marched to the dining room, which was tastefully decorated, the color scheme being pale green and pink. A large bell of colored material had been hung from the chandelier, bearing streamers to each plate, which held a horn and placed cards. Miniature candles were placed at each plate. The crowning feature, however, was in the centre of the table, a handsome birthday cake, bearing seven American flags and all surrounded by lighted tapers. The blinds being down the effect produced by the colors and candles was a brilliant one. The guests were taken to their homes, after having bestowed many beautiful presents upon Master Albert and wished him many happy returns of the occasion.

BREWERY BURNED

The shrill tones of the fire alarm awoke the people of Meyersdale about three o'clock in the morning on Wednesday and it was made known that the fire was at the plant of the Meyersdale Brewing company.

The building was a four story brick structure. The watchman reports that he had been on the upper floor about ten minutes before the alarm was given and saw no signs of fire.

The fire started on the upper story, where grain was stored, and in the lower side of the building, and when the firemen arrived on the scene the structure was on fire almost to the lower floor, and it was evident that the building was doomed to destruction. The interior was constructed of pine lumber and burned very rapidly. Starting at the top, as it did, a hole was soon burned in the roof which acted as a chimney in giving draft to the flames.

Efforts were made to save the machinery and stock in the lower floor, which efforts, considering the fierce blaze, were remarkably successful.

In two hours from the time of giving the alarm the inside of the building was burned out, leaving the walls standing, and the engine house, and stock storage room saved and a large part of the machinery was but little damaged. A part of the finished product was also saved.

The concern was owned by Conantville parties, the control being held by Mr. Dixon, the father of James L. Dixon, who is the manager. Mr. Dixon's death which occurred a few days since, may complicate the rebuilding for some time. Mr. Dixon was the last of the stockholders living. The capital stock was about \$100,000. The loss in building and grain on hand will total about one-half of this.

The fire company responded promptly and in larger numbers than usual and made all possible effort to save all the property possible.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Recorder Custer since our report last week.

Henry A. Zimmerman to Elmer J. Blough, in Benson, for \$3,000.

White Oak Milling company to Elmer J. Blough in Benson, for \$250.

Noah Berkebile to L. D. Reel in Paint township, for \$5,225.

E. J. McDonald to Albert B. Roberts in Addison, for \$350.

J. M. Cover to F. W. Ross in Somerset township, for \$1,200.

J. R. Hemminger to Elizabeth Cole, in Somerset township, for \$2,500.

P. S. Gohn to F. J. Hoffman in Somerset borough, for \$310.

Horace C. Hay to Wm. N. Barndt in Meyersdale, for \$1,150.

Catherine A. Yoder to John Dilling Windber, for \$300.

Jeremiah Livingston to Edward E. Mishler, in Conemaugh, for \$1,200.

C. R. Ripple to M. Shaffer in Paint township, for \$200.

Edward P. Pritts to Harvey E. Dunmeyer in Milford for \$1,000.

Catherine Daniels to John B. Hyatt in Lower Turkeyfoot, for \$350.

Charles Martz's administrator to Hattie Martz, in Southampton, for \$100.

GLENCOE

Mrs. B. F. Bittner and Mrs. G. H. Cook, were Cumberland shoppers on Friday.

J. T. Leydig was a juror at the county seat last week.

Ceo. Ackerman of Hyndman is inclined westward, he simply can't remain out of our town.

Mrs. Mary R. Poorbaugh, left for Illinois on Friday, where she will visit her sister and daughter, before going on to Texas.

Clara Leydig went to Pittsburg on Tuesday to take care of a new nephew, the son of Chas. Leydig.

John Baer and helper, are putting in a new bath for J. D. Leydig.

Dr. Lichty was called here on Tuesday to see Mrs. J. L. Snyder.

Mrs. G. R. Cook, was the houseguest of Merion Leydig on Monday and Tuesday.

Fred Delozier was snow-bound here till Tuesday before he could get away to Salisbury High School.

Ralph Poorbaugh and wife, are spending the week-end with the former's parents.

"Bill" Deist of Pittsburg, spent the weekend with his parents.

SALISBURY SIFTINGS

William Hawn.

On Friday, March 2nd, William Hawn an old veteran of the Civil War, died at his home on Union street. He had been ailing for a number of years from dropsy. The deceased was 81 years of age and is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Milton Fete and Mrs. Clara Welmer, Mrs. John Shank and Mrs. Henry Schramm.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. S. Monn on Sunday afternoon in the Reformed church. Interment was made in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Town Invaded by Fever.

Typhoid fever has invaded our town and claimed as its patients little Evelyn Dean and Miss Harriet Garlits and her brother William.

Mr. Herbert Lowry's little daughter is suffering from scarlet fever.

Broken Leg.

Mrs. Ida Schramm while on her way to attend the funeral services of Mr. Hawn on Sunday, fell and broke her leg just above the ankle.

Basket Ball.

On Saturday evening Salisbury witnessed one of the cleanest and most interesting games of the season. It was played by the Varsity Five and the Gettysburg Freshmen team. The final score was 26-23 in favor of Salisbury. The visiting team proved good losers, however their manager expressed himself as being pleased with the refereeing done by Rev. Monn.

The Methodist Jolly Boys played the Meyersdale team on Saturday afternoon. Meyersdale came out ahead with the score of 23-21.

A Birthday Party.

Mrs. Orpha Wagner, aided by her sister, Miss Florence Newman, entertained a number of little boys on Tuesday from 4 until 6, in honor of her son, Clark's sixth birthday anniversary. Many games were played and delicious refreshments were served which the little men enjoyed immensely. Fred Engle was the prize winner in a most interesting peanut hunt. Those present were: Daniel Barchus, Donald Bloch, Frank Reitz, Jack Brogan, Calvin Wagner, Donald Cochran, Harry Wagner, John Newman, Fred Engle and John Wagner.

Minor Mention.

The home of Rev. B. F. Waltz, is quarantined, as little Paul has contracted measles.

Robert Livengood has returned from Pittsburg and will remain in town working in the machine shop.

Mrs. Clarence Emeigh and infant are visiting the home of Mrs. Emeigh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Livengood.

Benjamin Meyers of Meyersdale, is teaching the cross roads school, the former teacher having resigned.

Mrs. Harry Kretzman and little son Charles, are visiting at the home of C. C. Haselbarth.

Miss Florence Maust, returned from Pittsburg on Saturday, where she had been visiting for several weeks.

Mr. Urias Brown and family have moved from their home on Grant street to East Ord.

Miss Buckman of Berlin, and Miss Hoover of Meyersdale, who have been instructing the new Central girls, returned on Sunday to their homes leaving the new girls in charge of the work.

Mrs. C. S. Lichtler, is on the sick list this week.

Miss Elizabeth Newman of Springs, spent the week-end at her home.

Mrs. Bud Newman, spent Thursday in Meyersdale shopping.

The Epworth League members and members of the Methodist Sunday School, are planning a supper for Thursday evening to be held in the McKinley building.

Sam Ringler held sale of his property on Wednesday, preparatory to moving into his newly acquired property east of town.

Miss Ann Durst, left on Wednesday for Nebraska, where she is to become the bride of Mr. Hutzler.

Miss Bess Mimma of Harnedsville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alf Ringler.

Messrs C. S. and Wm. Lichtler, returned on Wednesday from Washington, D. C., where they attended the inaugural of President Wilson.

Miss Elith Lichtler taught as substitute for Miss Carrie Johnston one-half day, on account of the illness of the latter's mother. Miss Orville McKinley is filling the post this week.

CAR SHORTAGE CAUSES SLUMP

There was a slump of more than 6 million tons in Somerset county's coal production last year, according to the annual report of Fletcher W. Cunningham, mine inspector of the twentieth bituminous district, which was forwarded to Harrisburg today. The output of the mines dropped from 5,626,093 in 1915 to 4,685,076 in 1916. The production of the Hooversville region showed the most pronounced falling off, as there has been a strike there effecting seven operations since last April. Strikes also reduced the tonnage in the Meyersdale field. The main demands of the striking miners are for recognition of the union and checkweighmen. Both these have been denied at Hooversville, while in Meyersdale territory they succeeded in getting partial recognition of the union in the latter part of the year.

On account of labor trouble and inadequate car supply the inspectors report shows 987 fever miners at work than in the preceding year, the number of inside employes dropping from 5031 to 4044. The twentieth district includes all of Somerset county south of Holsopple, except the mines on the Berlin branch. The campaign against fatalities in the mines is showing results. There were ten last year compared with thirty-five in 1915, when nineteen were killed in the Boswell explosion, but deducting the loss of life at Boswell there was a decrease of 39 per cent in the number of fatal accidents. As a result the production per fatal accident was boosted to 416,826 tons in 1916. It cost a human life for every 152,057 tons mined in 1915. Last year nine wives were made widows, while there were twenty-two in 1915. The industry made orphans of twenty-two children in 1916 and sixty-six in 1915. While both miners and operators cooperate in safety-first work, especially in the organization of first-aid teams, the report states that four of the ten accidents last year were avoidable and should not have occurred. Inspector Cunningham praises the first-aid teams who practice accident prevention in addition to aiding the injured. First-aid work, he says, has an educational effect not only on the teams but on the employes in the mines, teaching the miners to observe dangers and correct the same to a noticeable extent.

WITTENBERG

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith, were shoppers in Meyersdale on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. H. A. Geiger is on the sick list. Mr. Roy Deal of Conellsville, was visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Deal over Sunday.

Leora Geiger is slowly recovering from a seige of rheumatism.

Mrs. Cyrus Housel and son Karl of Meyersdale, were the guests of Mrs. Housel's mother, Mrs. Susan Smith on Monday of last week.

The following were Sunday guests at H. A. Geigers: Mr. and Mrs. Simon Murray and son Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith, Miss Eliza Smith and Mr. James Geiger.

The Institute held at the school house on Saturday evening was largely attended.

Mrs. Christ Mankamer and son, were callers at H. A. Geigers on Saturday evening.

Payment for Leak Inquiry.

It has been decided by the House Rules Committee that Sherman L. Whipple of Boston, who was the committee's counsel in the recent peace note leak inquiry, shall receive \$15,000 for his services, for himself and his assistants. No one will object to this expense in view of the beautiful way in which the matter was cleared up. Mr. Prudent Voter now has the satisfaction of knowing just how the leak occurred, he has seen the culprit severely punished, and he is confident that nothing of the sort is likely to happen again. In view of all these benefits he will not begrudge the expenditure. He probably feels that he and two or three of his neighbors would like to do something equally splendid and give their services in the doing of it, at \$15,000 per gift.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Not in the Inventory.

"Did Jobson's purchase include also the good will of the business?" "There wasn't any good will. It was a coal dealer that Jobson bought out."—Boston Transcript.