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SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

As the Contest Nears Close Interest Increases—Surprises in Standing This Week—New Contestant Leads.

Just two days more and the contest closes. Who may get the Overland automobile is yet a very large question. No one has it for sure and several of the candidates are working hard to get it. With the short time left in which to get the most subscriptions some one may have the good luck to make a killing and take the nice big machine away with them. It is up to the one who can turn in the most subscriptions and get the most votes.

The count this week shows no change in the standing of the various candidates and from present indications anyone may come in at the last minute and carry away the big prize. There are only a very few votes between the leader in this contest and the last one in the list so that when the final count is made some one may spring a surprise and turn up with the winning number of votes.

Each candidate will be allowed one judge who will be present at the final count and see that proper credit is given to the candidate whom he represents. The judges will also select the place of making the final

count which will take place sometime Tuesday, the time and place to be designated by the various judges. The ballot box has now been picked and at the close of the contest Saturday night the same will be sealed and no votes will be allowed to be cast except that those candidates living in the surrounding territory may mail their business in the night of Saturday, July 7th, but must have the postmark or the signature of the postmaster showing that the letter was mailed by 10 o'clock p. m. on that day. These will receive the same consideration as though they had been brought into the office, thus giving the candidates living out of town the same opportunity as those living in town.

The key to the ballot box has been turned over to Chas. H. Dia, president of the City Council, who will retain same until called for by the judges on the day of the final count.

It is now up to the contestants and their many friends to get on the job and roll up as many votes as possible for no one can tell who is going to carry away the big prize. It may be you or your friend who will have the Overland next week.

THE PRIZES.

The first and big prize is a 1917—Light Four—Overland automobile the retail price of which is \$665 plus the freight which makes the value practically \$700. This machine is a 32 horse power auto. It is starting and lighting, vacuum gasoline system, 106 inch wheelbase, 31X4 inch tires, non-skid rear, Cantilver rear springs. Finish, body, Brewster green with ivory striping; wheels, fenders and trimmings, black. The best car on the market to-day for the money. You will get it free if you will work for it. This car was purchased from R. Reich & Son at the Overland Garage where they will be glad to tell you all about it.

The second and next best prize is a Humanola (manufactured at home by Meyersdale workmen) and a beauty in every way. You may have your choice in Mahogany, Fumed or Golden Oak and Early Finish. Case is forty-seven inches high with large apartment for records. The machine is fitted with a tone modifier, giving any desired expression in playing. It is also fitted with a universal tone arm, which plays any disc record. Taken all in all this is one of the best machines on the market and more than worth working for. This machine has been bought from the Humanola Talking

Machine Co., Inc., of Meyersdale, at whose retail store the machine is on display and where you can find out all about this wonderful home-made machine.

The third and one of the prizes worth having is a \$50 diamond ring. The selection made is a ladies ring of one carat size surrounded by a cluster of five genuine pearls. The winner of this has his or her selection of any \$50 ring in the store. There is a great variety of the most exclusive gems on the market to select from and the winner of this third prize has his or her selection of the entire stock up to the value of \$50. The selection made by the Commercial is on display in the windows of H. M. Cook's store.

The fourth big prize is a \$20 watch purchased from T. W. Gurley and is one of the last things in the watch line. The winner of this prize may have his or her choice of any \$20 watch in the store providing the one selected does not suit. This prize has the guarantee of Mr. Gurley behind it and can be depended upon. The winner of this prize will be well satisfied with the prize.

STANDING OF THE CANDIDATES

Guy Floto, Meyersdale	474,520
Mrs. Susan Phillips, Meyersdale	301,879
Miss Lillian Thompson, Rockwood	207,987
Miss Irene Rhodes, Garrett	197,495
Jack Dively, Meyersdale, Barber	127,622
Miss Grace Beal, Sand Patch,	108,928
Miss Gertrude Lintz, Meyersdale,	102,224
George W. Collins, Meyersdale,	95,500
Miss Edith Reiber, Elk Lick	81,721
W. W. Nicholson, Vim	31,250
H. G. Lepley, Route 2, Meyersdale	1000
Miss Marion Leydig, Glencoe	1000
John A. Gower, Fort Hill	1000
J. G. Dumbold, Somerset	1000
Frances Sembower, Markleton	1000
Vote Schedule	
One Year's Subscription	\$1.25 1,823
Two Year's Subscription	\$2.50 5,468
Three Year's Subscription	\$3.75 10,935
Four Year's Subscription	\$5.00 18,275
Five Year's Subscription	\$6.25 29,160

Retain Shirt Factory.
Mr. Spaid, of Butler, who has been conducting the shirt factory here for the past year is now running the material down and closing out the present stock, with a view to closing down the plant. He is operating a plant in Butler and the work for this factory was cut at that factory and sent here by freight. Since the congestion in freight it has required from three to six weeks to get freight through. Under these conditions it is not possible to operate here at a profit; the goods when made requiring about the same time to reach

there for the market.

Could a larger building be procured to enable the cutting to be done here the concern could manufacture at a profit. A movement is on foot among the business men to keep the plant here, which we hope will be successful.

The plant employs about two dozen girls, and several others would be used if the cutting were done here, and it looks desirable to keep the employment for this number of people. An increase in the aggregate payroll is much better at any time than a reduction. Now let everyone do a little boosting for Meyersdale.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Deeds conveying Somerset county real estate have been entered of record during the past week in the office of Recorder John E. Custer:

Mary A. Mostoller to Christian Koontz, Somerset township, \$500.

Austin J. Stahl to Gertrude M. Stahl, Somerset township, \$650.

John B. Hill's executor to Ruth C. Goin, Shanksville, \$650.

Andy Tarran to Alvin Sherbine, Windber, \$5,400.

Ben Miller to Alvin Sherbine, Windber, \$1,900.

J. W. Arnold to Alvin Sherbine, Windber, \$3,000.

August Brakat to Alvin Sherbine, Windber, \$2,500.

Alvin Sherbine to Wilmore Coal Co., \$5.

Harrison Moon to J. Robert Johnson, Confluence, \$550.

John M. Glass to Harrison R. Moon, Confluence, \$300.

William S. Huff to H. R. Moon, Confluence, \$130.

Leora Hay Nutt to Levi Wolf, Milford, \$600.

J. C. Lowry to Black Coal Company, Somerset township, \$1,166.

S. W. Knavel to Henry E. Helman, Paint township, \$300.

James E. Berkebile to M. E. Manges, Shade, \$1.

Nettie B. Repine to Louis Colger, Windber, \$1,375.

Polly Shaffer to James O. McFeeley, Paint township, \$200.

H. B. Moore to Ida A. Shaffer, Paint township, \$650.

Chas. J. Harrison to Lillian M. Berkebile, Somerset township, \$125.

W. H. Koontz to Lillian M. Berkebile, Somerset township, \$1,135.

James B. Walker to William Merrill, Brothersvalley, 10.

Frank H. Snyder to A. P. Weimer, Somerset township, \$525.

John E. Blough to Victor Coal Mining Company, Conemaugh, \$1.

George W. Barron to Edward H. Miller, Somerset township, \$177.50

Central City Realty Co. to Emma B. Opperman, Shade, \$550.

Jacob P. Hostetter to Edgar H. Miller, Casselman, \$4,500.

Michael M. Shaulis to Edward Hay, Lincoln, \$11,000.

George A. Bittner to Richard Milson, Lincoln, \$300.

Davidsville-Benscreek R. R. Co., to Johnstown-Pensinger Railway Co., Conemaugh, \$2,000.

Calico Carnival.

Consider yourself cordially invited to be present at a calico carnival to be held at the Summit Mills School house, Thursday night, July 12, at 8 o'clock, by the S. S. C. E. of the Brethren church. Admission fifteen cents.

Rules and regulations: All ladies to wear calico gowns, also requested to bring half a pound of carefully cut carpet rags each. All gentlemen to wear calico ties and requested to bring thimbles.

Fines will be imposed for the following: Any lady who fails to wear a calico gown, ten cents; any lady who fails to bring half a pound of carefully cut carpet rags, ten cents; any gentleman who fails to wear a calico tie, ten cents; any gentleman who fails to bring a thimble, 10 cents.

There will be for sale, cheap, cunning, calico conveniences that will be a constant comfort.

Any person who sits in a corner and refuses to talk will be fined five cents.

The sale of calico conveniences will begin at 9 o'clock.

Light refreshments will be served. Everybody come and have a good time.

Maggie E. Webb.

Announcements.

Evangelical Association.
Meyersdale.
Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m.
Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.
Glencoe.
Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching services at 10:30 a. m.
Clewell E. Miller, Pastor.

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BOROUGH BOND ELECTION

On Tuesday, July 10th, the electors of the borough will decide by their franchise whether the borough shall take advantage of the peculiar situation and secure additional paved streets, completing the system across the town, at a reduced cost.

The state is constructing a state highway, from the Lincoln highway to the National highway, passing through the borough. The work will be done by the state, charging the borough one-half the expense, if the council so direct, but if such action be not taken by the borough the state will construct to the borough lines, leaving the construction of streets to the borough to be done without any aid from the state.

The financial condition of the borough just now will not warrant taking advantage of the situation. In order to do so a bond issue is proposed, amounting to \$14,000 on long time.

There should be but one side to this question. The streets are already paved excepting Beachley street from the corner of Front and Centre, and Grant street.

If this measure prevails the state will do the work and with the machinery they will have they will do it much cheaper than if it were to be let to a contractor, thus reducing the cost to the borough to less than one-half of what it will cost in future years.

Every paved street adds to the value of property in the town and then the use of the street is a personal advantage to every resident.

There is also a proposal to issue bonds to the amount of \$6,000 for the construction of new sewers and repairs to ones now in use. The latter is a small sum, but the new sewer is badly needed on Beachly and Salisbury streets and can also be put in very cheaply when the paving is being done.

It would look as if it would be a mistake for the voters not to take advantage of the situation when the improvements must be made soon anyway. If sewers are not constructed as suggested it is probable that the Health Board of the State may force the construction of a sewage-disposal plant, which would cost more than the proposed sewer and add a settled yearly cost for the maintenance on the borough. This should by all means be avoided if possible.

The council for the past three years have maintained a sinking fund for the payment of bonds and have paid from this fund quite an amount of bonds and indebtedness. The same system, if continued would pay the bonds at maturity without being a burden upon the tax payers.

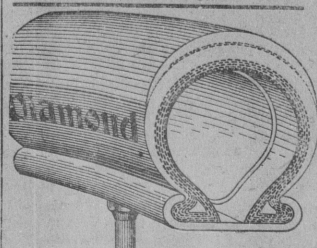
The people of the South Side have always paid their share of the taxes for improvements on this side and now should be cared for, but not because of this action, but because it can be more cheaply done now than later.

Red Cross Meeting.

A community meeting will be held on Friday evening at Reich's Auditorium for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Red Cross. A parade will form at the square and march to the Auditorium. Get in the parade. Virgil Saylor, Esq., of Somerset will deliver an address on the subject "The Red Cross." Everybody is invited.

Wanted!

One hand moulder who has had experience in handling fire brick or red brick. Good wages. The right party we will move at our expense.
Savage Mountain Fire Brick Co.
35 Bowery street,
Frostburg, Md. 26-31



Some bargains in tires for the next 10 days. A lot of blow out patches, all sizes at 7c.

Get one.
T. W. GURLEY,
Sporting Goods Department.

FIREMEN'S CELEBRATION

The Day was Auspicious—Crowds Thronged the Streets and Ball Grounds—Games and Athletic Events Good.

The weather man certainly was on his good behavior on Wednesday, and turned out a first class article for the Firemen's and Citizens Band. The morning was cloudy but these gradually gave way to sunshine but with a temperature that rendered it ideal for celebration purposes.

In the morning the people began arriving by trains, by trolley, autos and other conveyances, until the town was well filled. At 9:30 the Citizens Band gave a concert and then proceeded to the ball ground where a game of ball was played. The contesting clubs seemed imbued with the idea that only the best was good enough on this occasion and gave a very creditable exhibition of ball playing.

At 11 o'clock the Citizens Band and the Firemen, with handsomely decorated autos following, paraded the streets presenting a very fine appearance.

The stand on Main street, just off Centre was the scene of much interest during the day, when Teddy bears, dolls and other articles went to the persons who held the lucky number.

The girls who were selling tags, were busy and during the morning hours drove a thriving trade, and it certainly was a tight wad who escaped without investing in at least one tag, and anyone who was unfortunate enough to lose a tag was soon approached by one or more active young ladies, all anxious to supply another for a consideration to be fixed by the purchaser, but in no case was the price out. It was not a "fire sale" even though it was Firemen's day.

At 12 o'clock the trouble began on the ball ground, where the races were pulled off, and it was an afternoon of genuine sport. All who contested were at their best, and the races were closely contested.

The first event was the soldiers race of 220 yards and was won by Robert Gnagy, first and George Foy, second. Prizes, \$5 and \$1.

Baseball at Husban.

A good ball game was played at Husban on the 4th of July when Atlantic took Husban by surprise with a score of 12 to 5, the game being called in the 5th inning so the visitors could catch a train. The following is the line-up:

Husban	Atlantic
Chacy r. f.	L. Lowery
Reitz p.	Fate
Saylor s. s.	M. Geisbert
Krapp 1 b.	L. Geisbert
Meyers 2 b.	P. Lowery
Sheeler 3 b.	Hillgass
Casey lf.	Hardin
Nick cf.	Brant
Hayden c.	V. Lowery

The score by innings:
Atlantic 0-8-3-1-0-12
Husban 4-0-0-0-1-5
Home run, Brant. 3 base hit L. Lowery. 2 base hit, Fate.

Glessner-Weimer.

On Thursday, June 28th, 1917, at noon, at the home of Peter H. Weimer on Broad street, the father of the bride, by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Miss Clara C. Weimer and Mr. John L. Glessner, of Akron, O., were united in matrimony. Miss Clara worked for a number of years in the telephone office and she complimented her "hello" chums by inviting them to her wedding. John L. Glessner is a son of John A. Glessner of West Meyersdale, but has been living the past four or five years in Akron, to which place he has taken his bride.

Mr. Weimer's house was well filled on the occasion with kindred and friends of the bride and groom. After the ceremony an excellent luncheon was served the bridal party and wedding guests.

Mrs. Glessner is a young lady of many noble qualities and Mr. Glessner is a promising young man. They left the same evening on No. 5 on the B. & O. for Akron, where they will make their home for the time being. They began their married life with the best wishes of their hosts of friends in Meyersdale.

Read your Commercial.

100 yard open race, won by William Lenhart, first and A. C. Rometa, second. Prizes, \$5 and \$1.

Boy's race, under 14 years of age. Won by F. E. Rowe, first and C. F. Stevanus, second. Prizes, \$1 and 50 cents.

One-half mile race, won by Earl Shockey, first and C. Briggs. Prizes \$5 and \$1.

Girls race, won by Misses B. Thompson, first and N. Hardin, second. Prizes, silver watch and \$1.

440 yard race, won by Earl Shockey, first and C. Briggs, second. Prizes \$5 and \$1.

Tug of War, won by Statler miners first and soldiers second.

Women's race, won by Mrs. Short, first and Mrs. Stine, second. Prizes \$3 and \$2.

Boy's race, won by Robert Garnhart first and Thomas, second. Prizes \$1 and 50 cents.

Girl's race, won by Miss Garnhart, first and Miss Velma Stevanus second. Prizes, \$1 and 50 cents.

At 6 p. m. the grand event of the afternoon took place on the street opposite the American House. This was the water battle between the Fire Department team and a picked up team; and at first was warmly contested but soon the picked up team believing that "He who fights and runs away, may live to fight another day," deserted their posts except one who steadily held out until unable to control the nozzle longer, leaving the Volunteer Firemen master of the field.

The band then led the way to the dance pavilion where the devotees of that amusement "Tripped the light fantastic toe" until the "wee sma' hours ayont the twel'.

Too much credit cannot be given the committee in charge for the excellent program, and the very unusual promptness with which it was carried out. Every one was well pleased with the days amusements and considered it a day well spent. Not an accident occurred to mar the pleasures of the occasion.

The B. & O. R. R. System.

After having directed the energies of a large part of the commercial development department of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in the organization and distribution of farm labor, an agricultural preparedness survey has been undertaken.

This survey will cover each county adjoining the lines of the Baltimore and Ohio system and will show the number of acres in 1917 and 1916 planted in potatoes, beans, peas, wheat, buckwheat, oats, other grain and vegetables. It will also show which of the following items in the mind of the agricultural county agent has been the limiting factor in the increased production: lack of labor, cost of seed or fertilizer, character of the land, lack of equipment or is completed a vivid impression will be obtainable of the needs of the agricultural communities and the Baltimore and Ohio will be able to prepare during the winter, anticipating another planting season and need of increased production whether or not the United States is still at war, for if peace were declared tomorrow the food question would still be a problem next year.

The Baltimore and Ohio is trying in every way to do its bit and the Agricultural Preparedness Survey is merely one phase of a preparedness program which it will follow as long as the country is at war.

Mrs. Lydia Yutzy.

Mrs. Lydia Yutzy, a very highly respected and estimable lady, died at her home near Pochontas on Thursday, June 28, leaving a husband, Mr. Joel Yutzy, to mourn a loss that is irreparable.

Mrs. Yutzy was 78 years of age, and was a consistent member of the Brethren church for many years, and was always an attendant on the means of grace. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Silas Hoover and she was followed to the last resting place in the cemetery adjoining the church by a very large concourse of sincerely mourning friends. The burial was in charge of funeral director J. L. Truax.