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SOMERSET

Dr. F. E. Sass, of Boswell, was a recent caller to Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, of Richmond, Ind., are guests at the home of Mrs. Sullivan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heffley.

C. S. Ickes, of Boswell, was a recent business caller to Somerset.

Attorney E. O. Kooser was transacting business in Johnstown recently.

Mrs. Henry Heffley and little grand-daughter, Janice Kinzer, have returned from Baltimore where Miss Janice was a patient in the Johns Hopkins Hospital for several weeks.

W. S. Mosholder and James Walker were transacting business in Johnstown recently.

Mrs. Clara Vaughn, who has been spending several weeks with relatives and friends in Somerset, has returned to her home in Ohio Pyle.

Charles I. Knepper was transacting business in Rockwood recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rush, and daughter, Ethel, of Rockwood, were recent visitors to Somerset.

Attorney P. G. Cober was calling on friends in Rockwood recently.

Walter Conner, of Greensburg, has returned home after spending several days in town on business.

Elder Elias Hoover is conducting evangelistic services in Dayton, O.

C. C. McDowell has returned home after transacting business in Chicago, for several days.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Economy Telephone Company will be held at Meyersdale, January 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Miller of Youngstown, Ohio, are visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Chauncey S. Ickes, Justice of the Peace at Boswell, has received word of his appointment as Explosives Licensing Agent for Boswell.

Miss Ada Marwel visited with her daughter Mary, son Harold, S. Lenhart and Miss Eva Caddell, all of Somerset, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Deal, of Meyersdale.

W. A. Lape of Garrett, was transacting business in Somerset recently.

Miss Ada Marwel visited with relatives and friends in Johnstown.

Mrs. Preston Snyder visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hyatt of Windber.

Mrs. Ross Coleman was shopping in Johnstown.

Mrs. Susan Wooley and three children, Clare, Glenn and Lewis, have returned to their home at Parker's Landing after spending several weeks with relatives and friends at Somerset.

Mrs. A. W. Lowry visited relatives and friends in Windber.

John Irwin of Conneville, was transacting business in Somerset.

A. B. Bone has returned home from a business trip to Pittsburgh. Valentine C. Miller of Stoyestown, was a Somerset business visitor.

A. G. Heckman of Johnstown visited relatives and friends in Somerset.

Merchant John H. Sifford has returned home from a visit to his son, J. Hurst Sifford, who has enlisted in the aviation corps of the army at Baltimore.

Attorney H. Frank Yost spent several days with his brother in New York.

Mrs. Laura Baush is visiting relatives and friends in Philadelphia.

John Lenhart and Herbert Foust, of Company C, spent a short furlough with home folks. Two of their comrades, Earl Sevits and Frank Layding accompanied them as far as Garrett.

R. G. Borton, of Pittsburgh was transacting business in Somerset.

Mrs. Robert Walker of Marietta, Ohio, who visited several weeks at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Shoemaker of East Patriot street, has returned home accompanied by her daughter, who will spend several weeks with her mother.

Attorney Joseph Levy was transacting business in Johnstown recently.

M. J. Adams, of Company C, arrived home from Camp Hancock to spend a furlough with home folks.

Mrs. E. S. Sechler of West Union street is spending several days in Johnstown.

William Groff who is attending Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster spent his Xmas vacation with

Center Church

Some of our farmers are busily engaged hauling lime so as to improve the soil and raise more crops in the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanner moved to Rockwood last week and are now living in Jacob Marker's tenant house.

Mrs. Clyde Grove, of Garrett spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hare.

Mrs. Ursula Burkholder spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kretzman of near Meyersdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sanner of Rockwood spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sanner.

Miss Elsie Schafer who teaches the Handwork school spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schafer.

Mrs. Noah Haer was shopping in Garrett.

Prof. M. C. Haer was vaccinated one day last week and reports a very sore arm.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP TEACHERS MEETING.

The following is a programme for a teachers' meeting to be held at the S. J. Miller Schoolhouse beginning 1 P. M., Jan. 5, 1918.

Treatment of the Unprepared—Leora Gnagy.

Need of Teaching Pupils How to Study—W. L. Tucker.

Good Questioning—John Meyers.

Class Management—Margaret Shockey.

Position and Manners of Children—Grace Pike.

The School and the Community—W. W. Nicholson.

Importance and proper training of Memory—Luella Baker.

A general discussion of methods of teaching the fifth-month's work.

Miss Della Beale of Rockwood spent part of the past with Mrs. C. T. Hay, of Union street.

Miss Ada Livengood of Cleveland, Ohio is spending several weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Livengood.

Robert Walker, his sons, John and Ezra, Clarence Yaist and Frank Welfley spent Xmas sightseeing in Frostburg and Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKurley of McDonaldton were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McKurley during the past week.

Miss Minnie Livengood of Swisvale and P. L. Livengood of Huntington, spent the holidays at the Livengood home on Grant street.

Under the able leadership of Miss Edith Lichtler, local chairman of the Y. M. C. A., the drive for funds was a decided success. At the end of the allotted time the sum of \$105 was collected and forwarded to Miss Lucy Scull of Somerset, who is chairman for Somerset County.

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Mrs. Howard Yaist was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Engle on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Boucher and child, and W. H. Boucher of Pricedale, and John Boucher of Pittsburgh spent Christmas at the Boucher home in Salisbury.

Howard McClain, inspector at the Muncy Lumber Camp, who recently enlisted in the Engineers' Reserve Corps, has left for Washington, being called into service by the government.

Mary, Dorothy and Maurine Reich, of Meyersdale spent part of last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Beachy, of West Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Maus, and children of Meyersdale passed through town on their way to spend Xmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Maus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gray and two children of Accident, Md., are spending the winter with Mrs. Gray's sister, Mrs. L. W. Miller and family of Union street.

SALISBURY

Levi Lichtler, Jr., and Bayard Maust, of Mercersburg spent the holiday vacation with their parents here.

William Livengood, Jr., a student at Juniata spent his Xmas vacation with his parents here.

Mrs. Victoria Baumgartner and daughter, Lulu, passed the holidays in Morgantown, W. Va., with Mrs. Baumgartner's son, Elliot, and family after which they left there for Mandating, W. Va., to visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Mockler.

Misses Ethel Schram, Ada Grottelty and Bessie Engle, teachers in the Boswell public schools, spent their Xmas vacation at the homes of their parents at this place.

Clifford Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Kendall returned from an Ohio training camp to pass the holidays with his parents.

J. N. Lenhart who is employed in Akron, Ohio, spent the holidays with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Obediah Harding of Pittsburgh spent the holiday season visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Bessie Miller of Friedens spent Xmas with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Haselbarth.

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CATHERMAN'S BUSINESS SCHOOL CUMBERLAND, IS GROWING.

When the school began its career in August of this year there were but two teachers employed; now there are nine.

This school is successor to the old Tri-State Business College.

Thorough courses, conscientious teaching, and progressive management are making this school a leader.

It pays to attend a good school like this. Catalog free. Address Catherman's Business School, Cumberland, Md.

A million women to act as home guards and take the places of men who are in the army is the aim of the Women's National Home Guard of America, organized in St. Louis.

PIANO FOR SALE.

Good Kroeger Piano for sale at \$150. Party leaving. Address H-1, Commercial Office.

Girl bus drivers in London receive \$2 per day, with an additional war bonus of \$1.25 weekly.

To Sidetrack Movement of Social Justice

PRIVILEGED INTERESTS WRONGFULLY ATTRIBUTE POVERTY, IGNORANCE, LONG HOURS, LOW WAGES, CHILD LABOR AND OTHER SOCIAL EVILS TO LIQUOR DRINKING.

To understand prohibition one must know what are the sources of its strength. There are:

1. The belief that evils resulting from the excessive use of liquor can be cured by prohibitory laws.

2. The superficial thinking that confuses cause with coincident, and blames liquor drinking for conditions of which it is merely a symptom.

3. The cowardice of weaklings who want the government to protect them against their own lack of self-control.

4. The attitude of privileged interests that wish the people to believe that liquor drinking is responsible for poverty, ignorance, long hours, low wages, child labor, and other social evils.

5. The widespread systematic campaign of misleading and invented statistics and gross exaggeration of the injurious effect of liquor, conducted by professional reformers.

6. Application of politicians for power and profit, through agitation of the liquor question.

The Anti-Saloon League has an annual income of about \$2,500,000.

What does this enormous campaign fund come from?

A part from misguided people who think that they are furthering the worthy cause of temperance.

The greater part from the privileged interests, that are trying to divert public attention from unjust economic conditions.

The advocates of prohibition have manufactured public sentiment by deliberate misrepresentations, and unfounded assertions.

They dare not tell the people the truth as to the failure of prohibitory legislation to diminish drinking.

Nor do they dare to enact laws forbidding the use of liquor.

All that they do is to prohibit its manufacture and sale.

Why is the "use" of liquor prohibited?

Because a law for that purpose could not possibly be enforced, owing to the ease with which those desiring liquors could manufacture them for their own use.

Why do not newspaper editors expose the fallacies of prohibition?

Either because they are too indolent to study the problem, or because they are afraid to criticize the powerful interests that are using prohibition as a means of side-tracking the movement for social justice.

(Contributed.)

DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deals in Somerset County real estate have been consummated according to deeds recorded in the office of Recorder, John E. Custer:—William F. Shaulis to Edmund M. Shaulis, Jenner Township, \$1; Annie M. Gearhart to M. E. McNeal, Shade Township, \$2400; John Sokel to James Solomon, Windber, \$1625; Samuel Ross to George Ross, Shade Township, \$800; George L. Huston to Cyrus K. Brant, Somerset township, \$1200; Antonio Bozozinski to Stanislaw Bodziak, Jenner Township, \$1400; J. Howard Meager to John G. Ogle, Salisbury Boro., \$1; John G. Ogle to J. Howard Meager, Salisbury Boro., \$1; Elsie Hershberger to Ammon Blough, Cone-maugh, \$10,000; Adaline W. McKianey to U. S. Lehman, Allegheny, \$3000; J. A. Barron to Neva Elizabeth Heple, Somerset Township, \$2,000; John Allen Hay to E. Leroy Cook, Brothersvalley, \$10,000; Katharine Keefe to M. E. McNeal, Windber, \$3,800; M. E. McNeal to E. L. Simpson, Windber, \$3800; George W. Beals to Elmer Shawley, Elk Lick Township, \$800 David Keim's Exr. to Anna E. Maust, Elk Lick Township, \$2000; William Livengood to W. E. Livengood, Elk Lick Township; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Levon Ash, Jenner Township, \$10.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

This week is being observed in Meyersdale, as in hundreds of other towns and cities from one end of the country to the other, by union prayer meetings held in all churches, as mentioned below. An address will be delivered at each service on the topic of the day by one of the ministers of these churches. The choir of each church will furnish the music for its meeting.

The following program has been arranged:

Monday evening in the Methodist church, subject: "Thanksgiving and Confession."

Tuesday evening in the Church of the Brethren, subject: "The Church Universal."

Wednesday evening in the Lutheran church, subject: "Nations and Their Rulers."

Thursday evening in the Brethren church, subject: "Christian Giving."

Friday evening in the Reformed church, subject: "Missions."

Meetings begin at 7.30 and continue one hour. All believers in God and in united prayer are cordially invited and earnestly urged to attend. There are times that test our faith, our religion and our devotion. Is our trust in the Lord strong and firm enough to move us to devote one hour each day during this week to confession, profession and prayer? Let our churches be filled by worshippers at the services of this week!

By order of the ministers.

A. E. TRUXAL.

ST. PAUL

The schools of our town celebrated Christmas by giving an entertainment on Monday afternoon to which the citizens were invited. It was interesting and instructive, and appreciated by those present. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were both there and saw to it that no pupil left without receiving a present. The teachers, Misses Elsie Sipple and Edna Livengood, are to be commended for the splendid work they are doing. Both teachers were the recipients of many useful presents from their pupils.

An event long to be remembered was the celebration of Christmas by a cantata, "The Search For a Kingdom," in the Reformed church on Christmas evening. The scenes surrounding the birth of Christ were enacted in song and play. The wise men in their search for a king and happy that they found him, Herod's anxiety for his throne and anger against any usurper, and Mary, happy in the care of her new-born infant, Jesus, were the most prominent scenes. The parts were all well rendered, and were appreciated by the large audience in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Engle rented a part of Mrs. Zack Faidley's house and have started up housekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livengood of Duquesne spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Amanda Engle.

Miss Charlotte Harding, of Wheeling, W. Va., was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Francis Sipple over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hostetler of Meyersdale accompanied by their children spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Zack Faidley.

Rev. and Mrs. L. N. Wilson and their son, Paul, partook of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Hay and family on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Bender, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lepley, accompanied by their children were the guests of Mr. Lepley's mother, Mrs. A. C. Lepley, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Riley of West Salisbury visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Engle on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook of Rockwood were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sipple last Wednesday.

William Sipple was injured while at work in the mines Monday last. The extent of his injuries were not made known to the writer up to the present. He walked home after the accident.

The body of one of the oldest members of the St. Paul congregation of the Reformed church, Lewis Kretzman, was laid to rest in the St. Paul cemetery on Tuesday following Christmas, at 3 p. m. A large number of people attended the funeral. Mr. Kretzman was 70 years old at the time of his death.

Local and Personal

Last week being Christmas week there was no paper issued. In future the Commercial will go to press early Monday morning. Correspondents please have copy in this office Saturday noon. Advertising copy will be accepted up to Saturday night.

A shooting affray on North Street, Christmas eve resulted in a young man named Bowser of Summit Mills being wounded in the arm. It is said that he had "a shot in the arm" a little earlier in the evening.

The Collector of Internal Revenue will send a representative to Somerset county shortly after New Year's to assist in filling out income tax return blanks.

Mrs. J. A. Peerless, Pittsburg, Pa., is the guest of her sisters, Misses Maggie and Lillian Baer.

Miss Nora Cox, who had been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, returned to Pittsburg Thursday.

Elmer Stahl, Conneville, Pa., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, Austin, W. Va., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Payne.

Lewis Albright spent several days of this week in Altoona, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ebaugh, Cumberland, Md., spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Ebaugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fullen.

Blaine Sellers, Lewistown, Pa., is visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Mary Wilmoth, Acosta, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Wilmoth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Habel, Cumberland, Md., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Habel.

Miss Emma Gress, Johnstown, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Gress.

Mrs. Frank Burrows and two children, Topeka, Kansas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Collins, the former's parents.

N. E. Miller is in Pittsburg on a business trip.

Miss Hilda Powell, Somerset, Pa., spent Wednesday here.

Mrs. Joseph Levy, Somerset, Pa., is visiting relatives and friends in Meyersdale.

Edgar Cahill, Uniontown, Pa., visited friends here for the past few days.

Frank Hjbner, Mt. Braddock, Pa., visited his mother, Mrs. Emma Hjbner, Sunday.

Miss Eva Hoover, Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting at her home here.

Mrs. Austin Kennell and daughter Ida, Elizabeth, Cumberland, Md., are visiting Mrs. Ida Staub, Mrs. Kennell's mother.

Miss Edith Gurley, Pittsburg, Pa., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gurley.

Mrs. J. P. Brenham, Scottsdale, Pa., is visiting relatives of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. DeForrest Ludwig are visiting at the home of G. W. Collins, the latter's father.

Dr. Homer Collins is in Baltimore, Md. for a short visit.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

On Christmas morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. James, 617 Beachley street, was solemnized a very pretty wedding when their daughter Mary R., became the bride of Francis J. Reines, of Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. L. P. Young of Elk Lick performed the ceremony in the presence of the members of the immediate family and a few invited guests. The rite service was used. The bride was dressed in white net over ivory satin, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The groom was dressed in the U. S. uniform of the rank of Lieutenant. They were attended by Miss Annie Platter as bridesmaid and Robert James as best man. Miss Ruth Beal played the wedding march.

The bride is an accomplished school teacher of Elk Lick Township and has a host of friends. The groom is a recruiting officer for the regular army, and is stationed at Toledo, Ohio.

The happy couple will leave for Toledo in a short time where they will make their home.

On Sunday evening, December 23, at the parsonage of Amity Reformed Church, the Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., united in marriage Mr. Clyde E. Christner of Boynton, and Miss Cora Edna Gelsbert of Meyersdale.

ROCKWOOD

Last Sunday evening the Pastor Dr. Erier preached an eloquent sermon on the Virgin Birth of Christ, on that part of the Confessional "Conceived by the Holy Ghost." A large audience listened attentively to the subject so seldom discoursed in our pulpits.

The Music was excellent and in charge of Mr. E. E. Doll.

On Tuesday night at 8 P. M. the Sunday school rendered a beautiful Cantata entitled "Santa Claus Entertained."

The Stage in the basement has recently been fully equipped and footlights installed.

Over 500 people crowded the Auditorium; and were delighted with the production of the Cantata.

Mrs. Dr. Saylor, Miss Shaif and Miss C. Saylor were in charge of the training, and Mr. N. F. Meyers in charge of the Music. The brilliant success is largely due to their tact, patience and perseverance and the hearty co-operation of parents and children.

The Orchestra was in charge of Prof. Wolfersberger of the local High School. A large offering was received for the Board of Education.

Mr. H. E. Miller, Secretary of the Church Council called the Superintendent to the Stage and voicing the appreciation of the Church and Sunday school for faithful services rendered, presented Mr. W. M. G. Day with a beautiful gift, a token of esteem and love from the Sunday school.

The Pastor Doctor Erier and his family received from the three churches an old fashioned donation, which consisted of choices of meats, fruits, groceries, potatoes, vegetables, canned goods and flour, and many other goodly good things. Also many individual gifts from parishioners were in evidence.

Such an expression of good will characteristic of the good people of this parish, was all that could possibly be desired by a Pastor—his going down into his big boots produced an envelope containing a bill of a large denomination and handed it to the Pastor.

Dr. Erier responded graciously and feelingly, and expressed his gratitude not only for this great generosity but for the hearty co-operation of his people during the past three years of his pastorage.

Santa Claus then threw out of a big bag "Lutheran Kisses" into the audience which provoked much merriment and laughter.

The Primary Department received as usual their treat of Candy.

GOD'S KINGDOM.

When a congregation is composed of members who take it easy; who are not concerned much about anything; who do not care whether the members attend the church prospers or not; who do not care whether the members attend the services of the sanctuary or not; whether outsiders be brought into the church or not; who do not care whether home missions are carried on or not; whether foreign missions be prosecuted or not; whether the orphans be provided for or not; whether the people in other lands be hungry or not; whether they have houses to protect them and clothing to cover them or not; that will not be a suffering congregation. Its members will not be suffering Christians; and that congregation will not prosper; nor will it be a help in the spread of the Gospel and the establishment of God's Kingdom.

(Contributed.)

MEYERSDALE AMAZED BY SUNDEN ACTION.

The quick action of pure Lavoptik eye wash is startling. A school boy had eye strain so badly he could not read. A week's use of Lavoptik surprised his teacher so much she used it for her old mother. ONE WASH showed benefit. A small bottle is guaranteed to benefit EVERY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eyes. THE QUICK result is astonishing. Aluminum eye cap FREE. L. R. Collins, Drugist.

Adv.

About 90 per cent. of the German masons and