

# The Meyersdale Commercial.

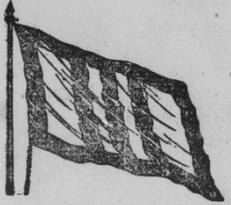
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## Local and Personal

### LIBERTY LOAN HONOR FLAG



LET'S WIN ONE FOR MEYERSDALE

Mrs. Edward Dill is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

George Burke, of Garrett, was a business caller in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Habel were business callers in Cumberland Friday.

Mrs. Daniel Dahl went to Cumberland Tuesday to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. William Deitz and daughter, of Elk Lick, spent Saturday in Meyersdale.

Mr. Joseph Jones, of Omaha, Nebraska, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Edward Padfield.

James B. Saylor and son Weldin, of Canton, Ohio, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Arthur Saylor was taken to the Alleghany Hospital, Cumberland, Sunday for treatment.

William Kallmeyer, who was visiting at the home of M. F. Baer, returned to Frostburg Saturday.

Miss Mary O'Brien entertained the members of the K. K. Club at a chair tea Friday evening. Eleven were present.

Daniel B. Hare, of Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., is spending a five days' furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hare.

Mr. Oscar Sipple, recently of St. Paul, was a pleasant caller at the Commercial office on Saturday. He is now at home in Meyersdale.

Walter Bittner, of Glencoe, visited at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Simon M. Bittner, several days last week.

Mrs. Chan Fisher and daughter, Barbara Anne, of Somerset, are visiting the former's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Large.

Mrs. A. C. Lepley and daughter Etta are spending several weeks in Meyersdale with Mrs. Lepley's children, Mrs. Luke Hay and Mr. John L. Miller.

Mrs. Irvin Engle and son Nile, of St. Paul, took in the Commercial plant on Saturday to see how a newspaper is printed. We were pleased to show them around and explain how this particular work is done. Mrs. Engle's brother, Sam Livengood, is serving his country in one of its artillery units. Her husband is an industrious mine worker.

Mr. William M. Calvert, of Altoona, Pa., employed as an inspector by the Postoffice Department, was a pleasant caller at the Commercial office Saturday. It was a matter of renewing old acquaintanceship with the editor. We had been students together at Clarion Collegiate Institute and roomed in the same hall about 29 years ago, while Prof. W. W. Deatrick was in charge of that institution. It was the first time we met since leaving school, but neither of us had changed so much that we could not recognize each other on sight. Mr. Calvert planned the present R. F. F. routes out of Meyersdale.

### GARRETT

Otis Cook, of Berlin, spent a few hours in town Sunday.

James Boden is recovering from an attack of la grippe.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nile, Saturday, April 13th, a girl.

E. F. Snyder was calling on Meyersdale friends Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Phillippi spent Saturday evening in Meyersdale.

Mr. Richard Weaver was calling on lady friends in Rockwood Saturday and Sunday.

The heavy snowfall last Wednesday and Thursday tied up traffic on the P. & M. for a day or two.

Robert B. Ellis, who was confined to his home several days with la grippe, has resumed duty at the tower.

Postmaster Ross R. Souser, of Rockwood, was working at the tower here a few days during the absence of Mr. Ellis.

Enterprise Mine No. 2 was tied up Saturday by a strike, all miners laying down their tools when the coal company tried to cut its day men five cents below the scale.

Few of the townspeople were present to witness the disgraceful scene on Merrill's corner Monday night when a big bloated "Guy de Parasite" pounced upon a little school-boy, beating him up in genuine Prussian style.

The Baltimore and Ohio steam crane came over from Somerset Sunday evening to clear up a wreck on the Berlin branch at Burkholder Curve just east of town, where five big hoppers loaded with black diamonds were derailed by the branch train about 3:30 p. m. Two of the cars were dumped over the bank, the others being railed by 9 o'clock Monday morning.

William H. Nichenke has decided to change his occupation from mining to carpentering. With the able assistance of his eldest son John, he is busy on the construction of a stable and garage for Mr. Humphrey Lehman at present, with pretty fair prospects for steady employment all summer. The Carpenter of Nazareth had nothing on "Bill" when it comes to clinching a nail or an argument with an old partyite.

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## REGISTER FOR FARM WORK

Frank R. Coder, County Manager for Farm Labor for Somerset County, has issued a call to men and boys of the county to register with his office in the Beerits block, Somerset, Pennsylvania, as willing to take emergency service on farms this summer. All good citizens who formerly spent their vacations in fishing and hunting are asked to spend their vacations this year in helping to raise more food for the armies of Democracy. Below will be found a coupon which readers are asked to fill in and return to Mr. Coder.

Frank R. Coder,  
County Manager for Farm Labor,  
Somerset, Pa.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ (postoffice address), hereby enroll myself for emergency farm work in Somerset County this season for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (days or weeks), during \_\_\_\_\_ (here state the month or part of month preferred), preferably in \_\_\_\_\_ (give township or community preferred, at the rate of wages obtaining for farm work. I have (have not) had farm experience.

## NEED INTELLIGENT ACTION

Without good food, warm and suitable clothing and shelter against the natural elements, man cannot attain to the best of which he is capable, physically, mentally or spiritually. There is a craving in his nature—his human nature—to satisfy these needs. Most of his efforts are directed to this end. His very nature revolts against any forces which would deny him the privilege of supplying those things which he needs.

By means of machinery man's efforts have been multiplied, twenty, fifty, a hundred fold. An abundance is now made possible, by his collective activity in the use of machinery to supply his primary physical needs. It is evident, however, that many of those who use the machinery—tools of production—are not properly housed, fed or clothed, after an abundance is made possible. Then again we find that many able bodied men are denied the privilege to labor and add to the material wealth of the country. Dr. Cann, in charge of the "Handicap Division" in Chicago, on February 12th stated, that he had the names and addresses, and a statement of their vocations, of eleven thousand men in Chicago who were unable to secure employment, and that the only reason for their being unable to secure a job, was that they were forty-five years of age or over.

Even in these times, when every resource of our nation should be mobilized in the effort to make the world a safe place for democracy, some sinister, some evil power, is at work—the same power that had been at work before the war—depriving many from producing wealth and sharing equitably—I do not mean equally—in the wealth produced.

Some time ago we were told by the gentlemen composing the Industrial Relations Commission that 2 per cent of the people are in possession of 60 per cent of the wealth. There must be some deception at work, there must be some dense ignorance of affairs, there must be a great lack of intelligent action among the great masses of the people; they must be under some hypnotic power, they must be numbed by some powerful narcotic, for it is altogether contrary to normal human nature to allow most of the wealth produced by the collective activity of millions of men to be controlled by 2 per cent of the population.

Intelligent action is needed to prevent this nation from being overwhelmed by some great national calamity. The sunlight of truth must pierce the dense fog of ignorance of conditions, the antidote of intelligence must overcome the numbed, narcotic, and hypnotic effects of the toxins which poisoned society. A correct method of distribution must be sought—a method that will be just, a method that will return to the producer the just reward for his labor. A method that will give each man the chance to add to the nation's resources and share in proportion to the service rendered.

Upon the intelligent action of the producers of wealth depends the salvation of the people of this country from the chains which now bind them in economic slavery. The power to free themselves is vested in their collective activity—their co-operation.

## Normal School.

The Meyersdale Spring Normal School will open on Monday, May sixth, and close with the County Superintendent's Examination, June fourteenth and fifteenth.

The tuition will be eight dollars. Book rent fifty cents.

Every pupil must present a certificate of successful vaccination as required by statute.

For further information apply to

W. H. Kretchman, Prin.

### SUMMIT MILLS

The weather is nice at present, but traveling is bad.

Quinter Gnagey has purchased a Ford runabout.

Miss Ruth Faidley is working for her sister, Mrs. Mahlon Yoder.

Mrs. Mahlon Yoder is confined to her home with pleurisy and la grippe.

Miss Eva Engle was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Engle, Sunday.

Misses Maggie Faidley and Hattie Sutton were shopping in Meyersdale Monday.

Albert Brenneman is home with his family again and working at his new house.

Norman Kinsinger, of Berlin, was visiting his father-in-law, Mr. George Brown, over Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, Tuesday, April 9th, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Grew, Sunday, April 14th, a boy.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Yoder Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Faidley, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Pritts and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Yoder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwartz and little son, Charles.

### ST. PAUL

Miss Florence Maust, of the township, is working at Jacob Sechler's.

Clyde Sipple, of Meyersdale, was calling on friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Osterling, of Butler, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Engle.

Miss Effie Bodes and Mrs. Irvin Engle were transacting business in Meyersdale Saturday.

There will be no preaching services in the Reformed Church this Sunday. Sunday School will convene at 9:30 a. m.

Among the sick this week are Mrs. Earl Engle, Mrs. Jacob Sechler and Mr. Fred Wise. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Amanda Engle has left for Duquesne to visit her daughter, Mrs. Robert Livengood, who just recently became the proud mother of a little baby girl.

The deep snow prevented Rev. Wilson and family from making their contemplated trip to Lancaster last week. If the roads become suitable for travel in a Ford they expect to spend this Sunday with his wife's mother in Lancaster.

The following named pupils of the St. Paul school successfully passed the township examination: Edna Rhodes, daughter of Calvin Rhodes, and Margaret Lepley, daughter of H. G. Lepley. Two other pupils made over the average, but fell below the passing mark in one branch. We do not think these two scholars should be kept in the lower grade another year on account of their failure to pass in one branch.

### CUPID'S CORNER

#### Robertson-Housel.

Frank C. Robertson and Margaret Housel were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage Sunday, April 14, by the Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxall. Both are popular young people of Meyersdale, and they have our hearty congratulations and best wishes. Mr. Robertson is employed as a clerk in the hardware store of P. J. Cover & Son. They do not plan to take up housekeeping at the present time owing to Mr. Robertson's liability of being called for military service.

#### Engle-Crissinger.

Irvin W. Engle and Clara Crissinger were united in marriage at the bride's home on Large street Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxall.

#### McDaniels-Cramer.

Albert McDaniels and Angie Cramer, of Meyersdale, were united in marriage Sunday at high noon by the Rev. C. E. Geis, of Cleveland, Ohio. They left on a trip to Chicago and will, upon their return, make their home here.

#### AT CAMP LEE

Edward Lepley, a nephew of the Editor and a son of Solomon Lepley, of Connellsville, writes from Camp Lee, Va., stating that the conditions there surpassed his expectations. Everything is as clean as a new pin. The boys have good beds, with bath and plenty to eat. He did not know where he would be placed, but expected to find out in a few days.

#### Ulysses Sidney Burke.

The citizens of Garrett and vicinity were greatly bereaved to learn of the death Sunday evening of Ulysses Sidney Burke, due to a complication of diseases. Mr. Burke had suffered for some time and his death was not unexpected, although for several months he was able to be about and meet his many friends at his barber shop in the basement of the Bank building. Last summer he went to a Johnstown hospital to be treated for Bright's disease, returning home late in the fall somewhat improved. Later, however, he was afflicted with a paralytic stroke, which left him paralyzed in the left side of his body. Just recently uremic poisoning of the blood set in and hastened his death. Mr. Burke lapsed into unconsciousness Friday evening about 6:30 o'clock, and died at 8 o'clock p. m. Sunday, April 14th, aged 50 years, one month and five days.

Sidney, as he was popularly known, was an obliging and highly respected gentleman. For the past 19 years he has conducted a barber shop in Garrett, always aiming to please and satisfy his customers, and he stuck to his post to his last day with us, notwithstanding that he was greatly handicapped by his afore-mentioned affliction lately. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Harry, George, Charles, Celia, Ellen, Dorothy, Lewis, Verda and Lenora.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock by Rev. Hetrick, of Salisbury. Joseph L. Tressler, of Meyersdale, was the undertaker in charge.