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Supposed "Wild Man" Of Jefferson Township Dies At Somerset County Hospital

William A. Moore, Aged 38, Expires at County Institution on Last Friday, One Week After His Admission—"Mystery" of Tarzan Cleared Up When Moore Appealed to Former Employer For Help.

William Albert Moore, aged 38 years, of Jefferson Township, near Bakersville, who was admitted to the Somerset County Hospital Friday, January 18th, suffering from exposure, after being missing from his home for more than six weeks, died at the institution last Friday night.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the Bakersville Evangelical Lutheran Church, conducted by the Rev. H. M. Petrea, pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Moore was born in Somerset County on October 6, 1890. He is survived by his parents, John H. W. and Susannah M. Moore; two brothers, Abraham A. Moore, of Jefferson Township, and Russell O. Moore, of Johnstown, and four children, Lorena, Walter, Fern and Audri.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Men's Bible Class of the Sunday School of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bakersville, and a member of the church.

Mr. Moore had lived for 43 days in a coal mine near Bakersville and where he was found, Friday, January 18th, standing in the road and imploring help, he was in precarious condition, and the mystery of the supposed "wild man," whose peculiar conduct had attracted attention all over south-western Pennsylvania, was cleared up.

The finding of William Moore on Friday evening, January 18th, according to a news story appearing in the Somerset County Leader, is believed by many in that vicinity to be the solution to the mystery of the "wild man," reports of whom have been rife in the last two weeks regarding his actions in the territory embracing Ursina, Bakersville and sections of Fayette county. Daily for the last fortnight tales reached Somerset and Uniontown of the travels of the "wild man," but since the finding of William Moore Friday evening, no reports have been received of persons seeing a man dashed through wooded sections, crossing the river or dashing to a hiding place in supposed caves.

William Moore left his home 43 days ago, telling his mother that he was going to Bakersville for a few days. He never returned and for a time search was made for the man. No clues could be unearthed and the hunt was abandoned in the belief that Moore left Somerset county.

Friday evening William Putman, well-known farmer near Bakersville, heard cries of help and also heard someone calling him by name. Upon investigation he was startled to find a heavily-bearded man whose clothing was dirty and badly worn standing on the road and shouting for help. The man brandished a club and Mr. Putman, fearing a holdup, returned to his house and enlisted the aid of neighbors before returning to the place where he had seen the man.

Mr. Putman and the men with him engaged the bearded man in conversation and, upon asking him his identity, were surprised when he cried out: "Don't you know me? I'm Will Moore." Although William Moore had worked the greater part of last summer on the Putman farm, Mr. Putman was unable to recognize him at first sight. Moore was in a "run down" condition and had suffered greatly from exposure and lack of food. He collapsed and was taken to Somerset where Sheriff Lester Wagner ordered him sent to the County home.

Before taking the man to Somerset, he was taken to the Putman home and revived and given food. Upon questioning, Moore talked at random, but his questioners were able to piece together a story of how the man had existed for three days longer than the "forty days." The Shanlis mine near Bakersville was declared by Moore to have been his home during his period in the "wilderness." Investigation in the mine revealed places where the man had

hollowed out the mine floor to obtain drinking water.

One of the first questions asked by Moore was "how things were turning out for Christmas." He talked very incoherently and there is belief that the man's mind was unbalanced.

Somerset County Fair Association Elects Officers

The stockholders meeting of the Somerset County Fair Association was held in the C. of C. room Jan. 28, 1929 at 7:30 P. M.

The following Directors were elected for the ensuing year: W. H. Deeter, D. J. Fike, C. A. Phillips, W. J. Gumbert, Edison Hay, L. D. Peck, S. L. Saylor, C. R. Weaver, C. C. Heckle, Harry Meyers, C. E. Bird, C. M. Bird, S. S. Rickard, D. Guy Floto, Lloyd Vought, Paul M. Critchfield, A. O. Loewitz. After a number of discussions for the good of the Fair, the meeting adjourned.

Dr. Bruce Lichty was chairman of the meeting, D. J. Fike, Secretary. Immediately following the stockholders meeting, a Directors meeting was held and officers elected as follows for the year:

President, W. H. Deeter; 1st Vice President, L. D. Peck; 2nd Vice President, S. S. Rickard; Secretary and Treasurer, D. J. Fike.

The president announced that he would appoint the different committees at a meeting held in the near future.

The board voted to send one delegate to the convention of the Pennsylvania Association of County Fairs to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 30 and 31, 1929.

The president appointed D. J. Fike, as delegate.

Adjourned to meet at a call of the president.

D. J. FIKE, Sec.-Treas.

Down With Little Red School House

Country Children, Entitled To Same School Advantages As City Cousins.

A mass attack on the little red school house and the whole rural school system that it represents is being organized among American farmers by Charles A. Lory, president of the Colorado Agricultural College. Writing in Farm and Fire-side, national farm magazine, Professor Lory says:

"Our rural school system is absurd and antiquated. It has set up a condition and produced a rural state of mind which slows down our every effort toward progress.

"Year after year these little red school houses, so jealousy fostered by the district school system, have been turning back into our rural districts young men and women hardly half equipped in the knowledge essential to an effective life.

"Poor and haphazard schooling has been adding to the inferiority complex of American farming people. Few candid country people will deny that this feeling of inferiority exists—a feeling that we are not so smart as city folk."

It is a good thing, says Professor Lory, for farmers to face squarely the question "Are farmers dumb?" He admits that farming is itself an education, and that country people often amend by their own efforts the relative illiteracy imposed upon them by inadequate schooling.

In fact, he insists that farmers eventually win through to a wider competence and a deeper wisdom than city folks. But he maintains that basic flaws exist, and that educational methods have advanced until country schools must be radically improved. He believes that the country school should be removed from local control.

CHRISTNER WINS MORAL VICTORY

Twenty Thousand, Including Dorey Christner of Akron, Witness Christner-Sharkey Bout at New York City.

The great fight which took place between Myers W. Christner, more familiarly known as K. O. Christner, the Battering Ram from Akron, and Jack Sharkey the Lithuanian from South Boston, on Friday evening, January 25, is now history.

The 20,000 who witnessed the bout were so pleased with the sterling performance shown by Christner, a native son of Garrett, that they cheered him to a man. It was a great moral victory for Christner. That he captured the hearts of the fight fans would be putting it mildly. In the first round of the fight, K. O. missed with a roaring right that if it had landed would have started Sharkey well on his way to Boston. One critic who was sitting near the ringside shouted to another, "You have just seen the blow that killed Hansen."

Dorey Christner, the father of K. O., was present at the ringside to see his boy in action. While the fight was in progress, Christner's wife and two children—a boy and a girl—listened in on the fight at their radio in their home in Akron.

This "accident" from Akron known to his family as Myers Wilson Christner, to his fans as K. O., and to his opponents as "Bad News," has already at the ripe old age of 34, happened to 37 of his 44 opponents in the past two years.

A New York critic who was at the ringside claims that Sharkey did more fighting in the last five rounds against Christner, than he had done in the twenty rounds against Riske and Heeney. Myers W. Christner, the aforementioned K. O. artist is a first cousin of Mrs. Harry E. Weighley of Meyersdale.

After the fight was over, Sharkey visited Christner in his dressing room and said that it was the hardest battle he was ever in, and he said to Christner, "Big boy, you do not need to be afraid of any of them."

Meyersdale Wins Over Salisbury

Salisbury was defeated by Meyersdale at Reich's Auditorium on Tuesday evening by the score of 36-16. Meyersdale led at the first quarter by a score of 6-3, and at the half by 17-8, third quarter 24-12 and the final score 36-16 in favor of the home boys. Meyersdale High School played a very good brand of basket ball, both on the offense and the defense. Dull, Maust and D'Este with four field goals each to their credit featured for Meyersdale as did Reich who played a wonderful floor game as well as making three baskets. J. Petry with three field goals was high man for Salisbury.

Meyersdale was off form in shooting fouls, making only 4-11, and Salisbury made only 4-9. In spite of the cold and inclement weather there was a fair sized crowd present at the game. Referee Ike Law of Cumberland handled the game in a very efficient manner.

Meyersdale defeated Stoyestown at Meyersdale last Friday evening 42-33 in a very well played game.

Meyersdale through its able coaching is beginning to forge to the front and play the brand of basket ball it is capable of playing.

Pine Tree grass seed is higher in germination and purity, at C. A. Phillips.

Blue Ridge buttermilk egg mash, \$3.35 hundred at C. A. Phillips.

Off a good 15 per cent protein dairy feed, \$2.00 hundred or \$38.00 ton at C. A. Phillips.

"For years," he says, "the little red school house has been permitting to grow up among American farm folks a pestilence of ignorance and mental impotence. To go on with this system is without need and without reason. We do not hesitate to buy good machinery for our farms. Why, then, deny our boys and girls the modern educational machinery to remove our greatest present shortcoming and difficulty?"

LEWIS BELL WEDS MISS VERA WEISEL

Popular Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Weisel, Married to Connecticut Business Man.

Word has been received here of the recent marriage of Miss Vera Weisel to Mr. Clifford Lewis Ball, of New Britain, Conn., which took place Monday, January 14, 1929, in the First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. B. Kirschner.

Vera is one of Meyersdale's popular young ladies, a graduate of M. H. S. of 1924. After her graduation from High School she entered the graduate hospital University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia from which institution she graduated last spring and at the time of her marriage was a registered nurse doing private nursing in the hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Weisel, Broadway.

Clifford Bell is a graduate of the New Britain High School and also of the Larson Monotype School of Philadelphia. He is prominent in athletics in New Britain, having played quarter back in the foot ball team, and is now captain of the South Congressional Church basketball team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Bell and is employed by E. T. Hitchcock Co., New Britain.

They were attended by Miss Helen Firkbeinder, a nurse friend of Vera's, as maid of honor and David Balasch as best man.

The young couple have gone to New Britain and at the present are making their home at 87 Commonwealth Ave., New Britain, Conn.

The host of friends extend their best wishes to Vera.

Farewell Party Held For Teachers

A very pleasant farewell party was given at the home of Miss Emma Hostetler and the corps of teachers who had been taking a course in American and European History in Meyersdale under Prof. Houde of the University of Pittsburgh. A very delicious lunch was served later in the evening at which time a Phillips-Jones shirt which was made in Meyersdale was presented to Professor Houde.

Prof. Houde was asked if he would wear the \$1.00 Phillips-Jones shirt at the University at Pittsburgh, and after examining it very carefully replied that he would be very glad to have the opportunity of wearing a shirt of so fine a quality.

The following were present: Miss Bender, Mr. Maust and Mr. Stevanus of Springs, Pa., Miss Smalley and Miss Livengood of Salisbury, and Miss Ellen Lint, Miss Emma Hostetler, Miss Edith Wilhelm, Miss Mary Forquer, Miss Esther Breig, Miss Esther Antin, Miss Eleanor Lepley, Miss Elizabeth Boyer, Miss Clara Saylor and Prof. and Mrs. D. H. Bauman.

ANOTHER ARGUMENT FOR IMPROVED ROAD

Dr. Glass in making a visit to a patient of his in St. Paul, one day last week met with a puncture in the oil pan of his car, lubricating the road rather than the bearings in his car. He had to be hauled in, in order to save the bearings in his engine. This is another argument why a sard surfaced road is needed to St. Paul. The road is almost impassable at this time to automobiles.

Wenzel Hospital Notes

Mr. Milt Bowman who had sustained severe injuries, some time ago in the limestone quarry of C. K. Bowman is getting along very well and on a fair road to recovery.

Mrs. Joseph Rembold, who suffered a fracture of the pelvis, several weeks ago, is reported as slowly recovering from her injury.

Flour is advancing, but on account of a favorable purchase I can offer you Larabee or Sweet Cream flour at \$8.25 barrel. C. A. Phillips.

FOR SATURDAY AT LUCENTE GROCERY

Grapefruit, 3 for 25c
Head and leaf lettuce, 20c lb.
Celery, 2 bunches for 25c
Del Monte Peaches, 5 large cans, \$1.00
Phone your order

MEYERS GARAGE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE WEDNESDAY

Loss Runs Into Several Thousand Dollars—Partly Covered by Insurance—Dwelling House Saved.

At about 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning fire broke out in Meyers Service Station which is located on the cement highway about 1/4 miles south of Meyersdale. Before the Meyersdale fire department could get on the scene the fire was beyond control. However, the dwelling house on the opposite side of the road, of George Meyers the owner of the service station was saved by the prompt action of the country truck.

A daughter of Mr. Meyers was the first to discover the fire. As she was looking out of a window in the direction of the garage she saw smoke issuing from the building in volumes so as to indicate that it was on fire. She gave an alarm immediately which brought the rest of the family out of their night's slumber. Mr. Meyers partly dressed, without shoes on his feet ran to the burning building and entered it in the hope of saving something from the flames and in his efforts to do so sustained a number of severe burns on one of his hands. He succeeded in getting the contents of the money drawer.

The building with the rest of its contents save an automobile was an entire loss. He had just received a title to his automobile which was among the things destroyed.

The loss will reach several thousand dollars. It is estimated that he had \$1000 worth of tires stored in the building besides many other automobile accessories. The outside of the building was constructed of blocks of tile which still remain standing.

The building and contents are said to be partly covered by insurance.

TURNING OUT FIRST QUALITY SHIRTS HERE

Mr. E. M. Yeagley, manager of our local shirt factory certainly is making them sit up and take notice, when the different traveling shirt salesmen are purchasing our shirts and sending them to their managers for inspection, and they are wondering how we are able to turn out such a fine grade of shirt in this short amount of time. This is all due to Mr. Yeagley's fine management, and the hearty cooperation of the entire force.

Standing of the Bowling League

R. Hartley is now first with an average of 157. C. Raymond is second with 149, and C. Hare third with 144.

WINNERS IN LOCAL POOL TOURNAMENT

The second game of the Pool Tournament was played on January 23, at Cy Cook's, between Clyde Hare and John Layton, Hare winning 100-85. Layton was high with 40 points and Hare was high man on his team with 27.

The 3rd game was played on Monday evening, January 28, between W. Wiland and C. Hare, the former winning by a score of 100-86. The spectacular shooting of Johnny Albright, the Southside boy, was the high event of the evening. When points were needed very badly he came through.

Stickels stock feed, \$2.40 hundred, at C. A. Phillips.

Carload Dickenson Pine Tree grass seed bought. Place your order now and save money at C. A. Phillips.

Carload Blue stone and Bellefontaine spray lime bought. Place your order now and save money. C. A. Phillips.

COUNTY AGENT'S NEWS LETTER

SOMERSET WINNERS AT STATE SHOW

Somerset County was represented at the State Farm Products Show in Harrisburg during the past week by winning the following places:

Junior Potato Club Exhibits: Mary Alice Hay, Brothersvalley Twp., 1st in class and 1st in sweepstakes; Paul Butler, Brothersvalley Twp., 2nd in class and 3rd in sweepstakes; Pauline Wegley, Somerset Twp., 3rd and Wayne Spangler, Quemahoning Twp., 4th.

Adult: Potatoes. Rural Whites—Edison Hay, Brothersvalley Twp., 4th place; W. C. Leer, Upper Turkeyfoot Twp., 7th place.

Russet Rural—William Coley, Somerset Twp., 5th.

Pink Skins—George Barkman, Stonycreek Twp., 1st.

Maple Syrup Products—John Peck, Elk Lick Twp., Syrup, 3rd; Sugar Crumb, 1st; Sugar Cake, 2nd; Maple Creams, 3rd; and Maple Fudge, 3rd.

The exhibits at the show in general were of a higher character than usual. Potatoes were there in large numbers. The Grand Champion exhibit goes to a club boy in Erie County. The champion acre of 696 bushels attracted a great deal of attention.

One whole floor of one of the buildings was occupied by adult and club corn exhibits. Greene County again was outstanding in its samples of learning variety. The corn in general was very well mature with varieties showing considerable type.

Apples: Some one said that they had never seen so much color on apples as they saw at the show this year. The growing season, of course, helped considerably in this respect.

A large crowd saw the exhibits and the twenty-five State Agricultural Associations meetings were very attended. About 50 farmers from Somerset County attended the show.

MASTER FARMERS HONORED

The magazine, Pennsylvania Farmer, conferred the degree of Master Farmer upon twelve farmers chosen from the states of Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Edison M. Hay of Brothersvalley Township, Somerset County, received this degree. This is quite an honor because of the large territory from which the selection is made. About three hundred people attended the banquet at which Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas spoke.

MEETINGS

The Somerset County Agricultural Extension Association Executive Committee, the Somerset County Holstein-Friesian Association and the Somerset Cow Testing Association will hold meetings in the Agricultural Extension office, Court House, Saturday, February 2nd, at 1:30, 3:00 and 8:00 P. M. respectively.

C. C. McDOWELL, County Agent

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN REICH BUILDING

Prompt Action of Mrs. Reich Prevents Disastrous Fire—Origin of Fire Unknown.

But for the prompt action of Mrs. Philip Reich on Friday morning, Jan. 25, there would have been a destructive fire which would probably have done much harm to the Reich home besides menacing other nearby dwellings due to the high wind. Just in the nick of time Mrs. Reich dashed a bucket of water on the fire but not before it had already done probably \$100 worth of damage, by ruining a Remington typewriter, tapestry, wall paper and scorching some of the wood work of the room.

A call sent into the fire department brought an immediate response from the fire fighters. They were saved any further exertion as the fire was extinguished.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Reich was playing in the room at the time the fire occurred and fortunately escaped from being burnt.

Medical Report of Meyersdale High School

SENIOR CLASS TESTS HIGH IN HEALTH

The Christmas Seal health clinics recently which included a study of the graduating class of the Meyersdale High School, report a high standing of the pupils after compilation of the findings by the Pennsylvania Tuberculosis Society. Sixty-two pupils totalled only 101 abnormalities, in the summarized report submitted by Mrs. H. H. Williams of the Meyersdale Tuberculosis League.

Dr. William Paul Brown, of Philadelphia, of the staff of the Pennsylvania Tuberculosis Society, conducted the study, and also similar examinations at Salisbury, Berlin, Garrett and Confluence. Dr. Brown also addressed the Rotary Club, and gave health lectures in the high schools. This service is one of the progressive health efforts paid for through the purchase of the holiday stamp, the Christmas Seal.

Fifteen of the senior class, were found to be without disease or defect and is regarded as an excellent proportion. Many schools of 200 pupils have only ten such perfect specimens. Girls as well as boys were in the disease-free group, there being nine boys and six girls without defects.

Eight pupils were found with diseased tonsils, a continual threat to life and health. Such severe cases should have correction without delay, although the age of eight is commonly acknowledged as the better age at which to attend to the plainly recognizable dangerous tonsils.

Twenty pupils had severely decayed teeth, and six were in need of dental attention to prevent pyorrhea because of fungus-like deposits on the teeth. This number is relatively less than many similar groups, according to Dr. Brown.

None of the pupils showed evidence of the presence of tuberculosis. Although a physical examination is not complete when tuberculosis is being searched for, except with the use of an x-ray of the lungs, the temperature, pulse, history of exposure to the germs of tuberculosis, all were investigated and no indication of tuberculosis found. In coming years, some of the group may develop the disease as can be inferred from the fact that one-twentieth of the total deaths is from this disease, yet the community is to be congratulated on the health of the group.

21 pupils were ten percent under standard weight, and the correction of the condition urged in the report. Extreme cases are a distinct menace to health declared Dr. Brown. This condition is a result of over-fatigue, lack of proper or adequate rest, over-play, over-work, as well as improper foods and food habits. Four pupils had goiter, and three slight evidence of it. A total of 15 were advised to take prolonged preventive medication to prevent the further development of the enlargement of the gland. Communities such as Clearfield and Warren are now administering the goiter preventive to the entire school population, at little cost.

The health inventory made by Dr. Brown is a distinct contribution to the individual health and to the welfare of the community as a whole. The Tuberculosis League is to be lauded for arranging this health effort.

Reception to New Members

Wednesday evening of last week the senior members of the Sodality of SS. Philip and James Catholic church entertained the members that were recently enrolled in the sodality. The social was held in the church hall and a very delightful evening was spent. A musical program in which Miss Helen Imler rendered two very beautiful piano solos, which was followed by a reading by Miss Reta Logue, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Miss Palma Lucente then gave two piano solos which was loudly applauded. After this some time was spent in playing games and later lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Fresh dried beef scraps for poultry, \$4.20 per hundred at C. A. Phillips.