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## William Nathaniel MOSER Claimed by Death

On Friday afternoon, April 26, William Nathaniel Moser, of Elk Lick Township, passed out of this life after a lingering sickness due to the hardening of arteries, and toward the close of his life, partial paralysis. He was not confined to his bed until the latter part of his sickness, and apparently not much bodily suffering fell to his lot to endure.

Mr. Moser was born June 15, 1855, being at the time of his death 74 years, 10 months and 14 days old. Funeral services were conducted at his late home on April 28, at 2 o'clock P. M., where a large circle of friends and relatives were present to pay their respects to a beloved brother.

The funeral services were in charge of his pastor, Rev. S. D. Sigler, of the Lutheran church, of Salisbury, of which Mr. Moser was a consistent member. Burial took place in the cemetery of the Fritz church in Summit Township, where the remains of four of his children lie buried.

On November 2, 1879, Mr. Moser was united in marriage with Ellen Berkeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Berkeley. The young couple took up house keeping on her father's farm in Summit Township, and which was located near the Fritz church. Here they were engaged in farming for 9 years. From here they moved to Elk Lick Township on the farm previously purchased by them from Jonas Lichty. Here they built a new barn and spent 40 years in the successful operation of this farm, now occupied by their son, Ralph Moser.

Fourteen years ago Mr. Moser purchased a farm from C. J. Dickey on the outskirts of Salisbury where he lived up to the time of his death. The later years of his life were lived in retirement, his son, Scott, who rented with him managing the farm.

Mr. Moser was a man of many sterling qualities and was much interested in the welfare of his family and his fellow men. Four of his children were numbered among the successful public school teachers of Elk Lick Township. As a farmer, he was numbered among the most progressive and successful. For three years he served in the official capacity of County Commissioner in conjunction with Jacob Koonitz and William Bell, both of whom had preceded him in the office.

Besides his wife, Mr. Moser is survived by the following children: Ralph, Scott, Stewart, Lydia (Mrs. Ed. Davis), Grace (Mrs. Myron Miller), also by ten grandchildren, six girls and four boys. To them the community looks to carry on the good work of a husband, father and a grandfather with the assurance that they will.

"Yet again we hope to meet thee  
When the day of life is fled;  
Then in Heaven with joy we'll greet thee  
Where no farewell tear is shed."

## Meyersdale Masons Observe Anniversary

The fiftieth anniversary of the constituting of Meyersdale Lodge No. 554, Free and Accepted Masons, was observed Monday evening. A banquet was held at 6:30 o'clock in the social room of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church. The evening services were held in the lodge room, on the fourth floor of the Citizens National Bank building.

Prominent members of Philadelphia and other places, as well as local members delivered addresses, appropriate to the occasion.

Three surviving members of the lodge, George H. Suhrie, of California, Pa., A. F. Johns, of Philadelphia, and John F. Hocking of Meyersdale, were present. Many former residents of Meyersdale, residing elsewhere, and who still hold their membership in the local lodge attended the exercises.

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The ladies of W. C. T. U. held their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, April 29th, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Mankamer, of Large street.

Don't fail to see "The Awakening" starring Vilma Banky at the Main Theatre, on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 2 and 3rd. See Vilma Banky in her greatest success. A picture you will never forget.

## FOR SALE

1 9x12 Velvet Rug, 5 3-4 yards Velvet Carpet, 1 Edison Disc Phonograph as good as new, 1 Brass Bed complete. Apply to 245 Broadway St.

A new brand of Oleomargarine—Eckonut Brand—especially prepared for table use. Price 20c. Sold by BROADWATER'S MEAT MARKET, Salisbury, Pa.

## PROF. BAUMAN Speaks at P. T. A. MEETING

Prof. D. H. Bauman gave interesting talk at Parent Teachers Association Thursday evening in the High School Building.

He spoke of the standard speed test, making use of the moving picture machine with the use of slides showed just what children could do as proven by speed tests.

He showed in all about 20 slides; some in reading, which were very interesting.

It showed the ability and comprehension of each child under one and the same conditions.

The test in English was really a comparison between last year in Junior High and the last year in High School.

But possibly the most interesting test, was the one in Arithmetic. These were largely speed and accuracy tests, and in each room were above the medium.

The pupils of the South Side made a splendid record.

Helen M. Bittner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bittner scored first in all four tests in speed and accuracy and worked four times the number of problems required.

Misses Esther Austin, Pauline Grof and Esther Breig gave instructive talks on the master painters, illustrated with lantern slides.

Mary McDonald rendered a vocal solo with Helen Bittner at the piano and received quite a lot of applause.

Carl Sipple delighted the audience with two piano solos.

## Mrs. Charles Phillips Home From Hospital

The condition of Mrs. Charles Phillips, of Salisbury street, who for some time has been in poor health, became much worse during the past week and was taken to Cumberland, to the Western Maryland Hospital, where X-ray pictures were taken. The specialists there considered the patient's condition very much alarming. She was then taken to the Mercy Hospital, in Pittsburgh, where after thorough examinations the physicians were of the opinion that her condition was alarming, but a good chance for her recovery. She was brought home in Meyersdale, Friday evening of last week, and it is reported that she shows signs of recovery. Her many friends hope she may again be restored to health.

## William H. Stotler Returned Home

William H. Stotler, head of the Pine Hill Fuel Company, who had been for some time at the Clifton Springs Sanatorium, in New York State, returned to his home on Broadway during the past week. On Friday, he had one of his feet amputated at the Hazel McGilvery Hospital. His condition is reported as satisfactory. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

## Winners of Cake Walk At Pleasure Garden

Miss Carouse and her partner Mr. Courtney carried off the honors in the cake walk, in the dance held at "The Pleasure Garden" on last Thursday evening. There were quite a number of couples entered in the cake walk and the fortunate couple should feel highly elated over their prize.

## Birthday Party

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders, son Jack and Miss Dorothy Crowe, motored to Somerset, Monday afternoon, to be present at a birthday party, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, in honor of their twin sons, Dick and Don, sixth birthday anniversary. A number of their little friends were invited to their home to help make their sixth anniversary a joyous one. At the close of the event a dainty lunch was served.

## Special Bus

The Somerset Bus Co. is running a special bus for the factory workers, effective April 29. It leaves Salisbury 6:15 a. m., Boynton 6:20, arrives in Meyersdale 6:30, Garrett 6:45, and returns to Meyersdale at 7:00. The company has selected Tom Wampler as bus driver. Tom is a very capable man for the position and we hope this schedule will continue.

CHURCH NOTICE  
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Meyersdale, R. D. 2, Pa., K. H. Beck, pastor. Sunday afternoon services. Also Young People's Services 7:30 P. M.

## Who Wants to Go Skiing With These Girls?



These two young ladies donned their bathing suits and raced on skis down the slopes of Paradise valley, Mount Ranier National park.

## 17 From Somerset and Meyersdale Get State College Certificates

The 1928-29 term of the Associated Gas & Electric Company evening classes for Johnstown, Somerset and Meyersdale was brought to a fitting close with a commencement dinner program at the Capital Hotel, Johnstown. About 70 persons were present. There were about 50 who completed the first year's work in mathematics, which forms the first unit of the three-year course in accounting. Seventeen comprised the Somerset-Meyersdale group that was awarded State College certificates of attainment.

The Associated G. & E. School the past year was a part of the Adult Education program of the local school system, and in Johnstown was conducted in conjunction with the Carnegie Library Night School and in Somerset and Meyersdale was conducted by the Penn State College Extension Department although sponsored by the gas and electric firm.

The following received State College certificates: Frank A. McFarland, Somerset; Ira Weigle and H. B. Miller, Rockwood; Charles H. Zimmerman, Stoyestown; Roy Lease, Charles F. Baker, George Waters, Burgess Shaffer, Bruce E. Lape, Karl Staub, Pat Malloy, Dwight Long, Stanley Feaster, Harry N. Dickey, all of Somerset; Susan N. Baer, Bessie Dickey and Ruth Meehan, all of Meyersdale.

The presentations of these certificates were made by Prof. I. C. Berlin, of the Penn State faculty, who also spoke briefly on extension work. The principal address of the evening was delivered by James Killius, Principal of Johnstown High School, who centered his remarks on vocational education. Other short addresses were given by F. B. Hoff, Vice President of the local firm; W. A. Reiber, Comptroller; P. H. Harris, General Superintendent, and H. G. Wilhelm, District Superintendent, who served as master of ceremonies.

Music was provided throughout the evening by the Associated G. & E. Orchestra and Philip W. Sharpe favored with several baritone solos.

The program was arranged by the Education Committee of the concern, composed of W. G. Hickling, W. E. Shaw, Jr., R. M. Gocher and H. G. Wilhelm.

## Prisoner Leaps From Auto, Flees in Crowd

Samuel Spella, of Frostburg, April 20th, made his escape from federal officers when he leaped from the car of Deputy Marshall John W. Doherty, while enroute to the county jail. Spella, who had previously escaped by getting out through an upstairs window, when his place was raided several weeks ago, was taken into custody by Frostburg police. While being taken to jail, Spella asked George Johnson, Doherty's chauffeur to loosen his handcuffs, which he said were hurting him. Johnson complied and Spella leaped from the car and disappeared in a crowd.

## 23 Hit-Run Accidents

There were twenty three hit-and-run motor accidents during the past week, the State Highway Department announced. One person struck was killed. Most of the hit-and-run drivers escaped.

## Vaudeville and Movie SHOW To Be Given Benefit of FIREMEN

The Firemen's Minstrel Show and Vaudeville deluxe which will be the attraction at the Main Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7th and 8th promises to be one great success.

The sale of tickets so far has been very gratifying and it would be well if you get your ticket at once as an overflow crowd is anticipated. The price of admission will be 50 cents for adults with a nominal charge of 10 cents for reserved seats and 35 cents for children. Do not fail to see this, the great event of the season, a great show at a small price of admission.

The Minstrel Show is interspersed with high class Vaudeville Acts and other entertainment. If for no other reason kindly bear in mind that besides being entertained with high class amusement, you will be doing a good deed for your community. The proceeds will go to the Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department. To that organization which is ever ready at your beck and call to serve you day or night, rain or shine, winter or summer. And what do they ask in return? That the people of Meyersdale and to the people of the rural districts that they stand back of them and see this thing through.

They have to pay for the truck and they depend on you helping them. Now if you really want the truck to stay, and if you want ample protection for your home, contribute today to the truck fund.

The Minstrel Show will be on the 7th and 8th of May. On May 9th and 10th "The Sons of Fathers" will be shown at the Main Theatre for the benefit of the fire laddies, under the auspices of the Polyanna Club of the Philadelphia S. S. Class. Do not fail to see this, the greatest picture Emil Jannings ever played in.

## Meyersdale Carnival Very Well Attended

The United Amusement Company's Carnival which is being sponsored by the Charles E. Kelly Post No. 112 of the American Legion has been very well attended notwithstanding the fact that the weather has been extremely cold and disagreeable. The United Amusement Co. should be very highly complimented on the high class entertainment they are offering to their patrons. The people of Meyersdale should turn out en masse and patronize the Carnival, for in doing so you are patronizing the American Legion boys, who are always willing to cooperate and help anything that is worth while in the community.

## Bill of Complaint Against Tax Rate

A bill of complaint was filed in court Friday afternoon by Charles Sechler, Clifford A. Will and Harvey P. Saylor, taxpayers, against the Township of Millford and the Township Supervisors, Oscar Pyle, George J. Hay and J. L. Kuhlman and Tax Collector Charles F. Meyers asking that the defendants be restrained from levying or collecting 10 additional mills in excess of the present millage. The case will be heard at the next session of Argument Court, which convenes the second Monday in June.

## SUNDAY BASEBALL

Sunday-school Teacher (speaking of the apostle): "Peter made one error—"  
Irrepressible Kid: "How many runs did it let in, teacher?"—The Bulletin.

## More Unsolved Sand Patch ROAD Problems, Says Larimer CITIZEN

Editor's Note:—The following article contributed by a citizen and taxpayer of Larimer Township bearing on the Sand Patch road problem, is offered for the consideration of the readers of this paper. The fact is that the Sand Patch road should be built. For Meyersdale, it is of prime importance. Territory tributary to Meyersdale, except what is traversed by the highway connecting the Lincoln with the National Pike, is not blessed with hard surfaced roads. When the question of the better route for the Sand Patch road is up for decision, we are not sufficiently informed to speak at the present time, but we believe that the following article points out a number of things that are worthy of consideration.

There appeared lately a certain article in regard to the unsolving of the Sandpatch Road problem, the road between Meyersdale and Sandpatch. This article stated that the road proposition was deadlocked and had been for some time, but it fails to make plain the why and wherefore. About six years ago there was placed with the Highway Dept. an application for state reward road. This application read something like this:

"Four miles of road beginning at point on the Larimer-Summit line at Keystone and extending southeastward via Sandpatch to a point on the Larimer Greenville Line at Warrens Mills."

When this application came up three years ago information from some of our close neighbors was sent to the Highway Dept. that if they would hold off that portion of the road-grant between Keystone and Sandpatch that the B. & O. R. R. would build that portion of the road for the privilege of doing away with the overhead bridge at Sandpatch. This information was considered by the Highway Dept. and that portion of the grant between Sandpatch and Keystone was withheld by the Highway Dept. This was Larimer Township's first setback in the road construction plan. Then another application for this piece of road was placed with the Highway Dept. and then some of our local friends introduced the railroad proposition again. Two thirds of the citizens of Larimer Township feeling that they had enough of this railroad stuff have pledged themselves to try again to get a road where it would benefit the most of them and be of the least expense to the township. Some people are very prompt in trying to tell people that a road between the railroads would not cost the township anything but if they would stop to figure a short minute they would see that the railroad and county are only doing the grading and how in the world can Larimer township furnish money and move all the stone and material into this out of the way place when it has been talked around that they cannot finance their portion of a road over the old route where the stone are practically lying beside the road.

The present route cannot be closed and if the road is built between the tracks Larimer township will have two roads to keep up instead of one over practically the same route. It looks as though some people are trying very hard to aid Larimer township in her road program by heaping more expense on the heads of the taxpayers.

Larimer Township has never interfered with the road programs of other townships or boroughs but it seems we have been offered a lot of help lately and most of it from places where they do not seem to be able to attend to their own troubles as they should be. They have tried to force on Larimer Township a proposition that would take away the rights of a lot of the citizens and taxpayers of the township. It seems that Larimer Township has enough troubles of her own without borrowing some more from the railroad company and other sources.

Our road supervisors have been asked by some citizens of a nearby town and two of them have complied with that request to offer the B. & O. R. R. Co. the privilege of taking away the overhead bridge at Sandpatch for a small consideration to be applied on the road between the railroads and thereby depriving those citizens and taxpayers living on the northside of the railroad any outlet whatever to the proposed road and also making practically two thirds of the township go to extra trouble and bother and a

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## MARKER On Grave of Michael UMBERGER To Be Dedicated, May 4

On Saturday, May 4th, at 2:30 P. M. (standard time) the National Society (United States Daughters of 1812) will dedicate a marker on the grave of Michael UMBERGER in the old Lutheran Cemetery in Berlin, Somerset County.

Michael UMBERGER was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania in 1757 (February 15th). In January 3, 1780 he married Mary Verner, also a native of Dauphin County. Later they moved to Fannettsburg, Franklin County, and in 1808 came to Somerset County, where they located in Brothersvalley Township. Their children were, Margaret married to Henry Shaffer, Michael Jr., Polly married to George Ensminger.

Michael UMBERGER enlisted in the Pennsylvania Militia July 21st, 1794, as Private in the 2nd Regiment of Dauphin County State Militia, again in 1814 when he became a Corporal of the 2nd Regiment State Militia. Place of Residence, York, Pa.

The Major General Arthur St. Clair Chapter of Greensburg will be in charge of the services.

The following program has been arranged:

Star Spangled Banner  
American Creed and Flag Salute  
Address of Welcome—Regent

Biography—Mrs. S. E. Dickey, Johnstown (a descendant)

Unveiling of Marker—Robert Hummel, Stoyestown (a descendant)

Dedication—Regent  
Address—Rev. Robert J. Keeler, Luthersburg, Pa. (a descendant)

Benediction—Rev. Keeler  
Rev. Keeler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Keeler, of Moxham.

The Chapter is anxious to have all descendants and their friends attend the unveiling; also the members of the Queen-making and Forbes Road Chapters of the D. A. R.

## First Community Sale, Saturday, Goes Over Big

The Community Sale which was held on last Saturday at the C. A. Phillips auctioneers of Center street was a big success. This is the first Community Sale that has been held in Meyersdale and judging from the interest shown at the first sale a much larger crowd is expected at the next sale which will occur in the very near future. Russ Engle, as usual was very much on the job and handled the sale in his usual fine manner.

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