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MEMORIAL DAY

Fittingly Observed by
G. A. R.
and Sons of Union
Veterans With Program

Memorial day fittingly observed by the G. A. R. and Sons of Union Veterans with their official program.

On the morning of Memorial day details of the Sons of Union Veterans from the H. C. McKinley Camp No. 214 visited Center church, St. Paul, Lichty's and Catholic and Reformed cemeteries where the graves of the union soldiers were decorated.

At 2:00 p. m. the parade formed on North street, in the following order: Citizen's band, school children, a flower covered miniature Monitor carried by four great grandsons of Civil War veterans, Sons of Veterans drum corp, G. A. R. colors, Co. C. 4th Regt. Sons of Veterans reserve, H. C. McKinley Camp No. 214, S. of U. V. C. W., members of M. C. Lowery Post 214 G. A. R. in automobiles, auxiliary of the sons in cars. At the center street bridge the procession halted while the flower covered monitor was set adrift on the waters of the Plaugherly creek and an appropriate service was held in solemn tribute to the Union sailors of the Civil War who lie buried in the western rivers and at sea.

At the Union cemetery the following program was observed:

Opening services of the Sons of Veterans. Ritual was read by Camp Commander, F. C. Robertson. Reading of Gen. John A. Logan's order which created Memorial exercises for the first time on May 30th, 1868.

An address by Rev. Marquis. Address "The Unknown Union Dead of the Civil War," by Rev. M. V. B. DeVaux.

Roll call of the M. C. Lowery Post Grand Army of the Republic. Of the 312 names on the Post's muster roll only two of the 3 surviving members were present. They were Dr. H. C. McKinley, Peter Albright; Henry Loehel was not present, all the others have gone to their eternal bivouac.

On flames eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread, And glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.

During the past year five members of the M. C. Lowery Post 214 G. A. R. have passed on. They are: John Stacer, Christian Lichty, Cyrus Bittner, Joseph Mosholder, Henry Wahl.

Under the command of Capt. Engle Co. C fired a perfect salute of 3 volleys.

Decorations of graves of all wars. Taps by drummer and bugler. Benediction by Camp's Chaplain, H. C. Mauk.

Sounding "taps" over the grave of a soldier originated with Captain Tidball. In the Civil War, on the retirement from the peninsula August 1862 Horse Battery A, Second Artillery, was serving with the rear guard and on reaching Yorktown one of the cannoners died and was buried there. Not wishing to stir up the enemy by firing 3 rounds from the battery guns as was customary, Capt. Tidball substituted taps ("lights out"), which impressive custom has since been observed at the conclusion of all military funerals and ceremonies.

Tariff Trading

The House of Representatives has passed the tariff bill. That seems something, but not a great deal. Following the usual methods the Ways and Means Committee of the House presented what it thought was a good Republican bill, and in accordance with a custom that has prevailed regardless of whether the Republicans or Democrats ruled the House, the bill has been steam-rolled in passage through the Lower house, and sent over to the Senate. In this way public attention has been riveted upon the contents of the bill and in the ordinary course of events the Senators will hear all of the objections and listen to all of the proposed provisions concerning the new tariff. History will repeat itself and after long and dreary Committee hearings the Senate will propose 600 or 700 amendments to the House bill.

That's the way it is always done, and if Congress succeeds in hanging a finished piece of legislation on President Hoover's Christmas tree it will do very well.

Remember the good old days when you were a youngster and all you had to worry about was whether or not it would rain on Thursday of the county fair week?

Somerset County Pomona Grange to Meet With Hillcrest Grange No. 1674

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1929
Morning Session, 10:00 o'clock

Opening of the Grange
Reading of minutes of last meeting
Reports of Subordinate Granges
All other reports as called by Master

Business
Address of Welcome, Hillcrest Grange

Response by member, Valley Grange

Worthy Master requests all Subordinate Masters and Deputies to be present for a noon conference

Noon recess

Afternoon Session, 1:30 o'clock

Song, America the Beautiful
Memorial Service

Draping chair for Mrs. Elsie Croyle (Flora) by Court Ladies Mrs. M. A. Baker and Mrs. H. A. Tospon

(All Granges please report their dead for the past year)

Song, Abide With Me

Features by Subordinate Masters of County

Reading by member of Conemaugh Grange

Question Box

Evening Session, 7:00 o'clock

Music, Hillcrest Grange

Conferring of the Fifth Degree

Entertainment by Hillcrest Grange

J. B. W. Stuft, Master

Mrs. George R. Barkman, Lecturer

M. A. Baker, Secretary

Somerset Liquor Violator Returned From Workhouse

Refused admission to the Allegheny County Workhouse because of his physical condition, James Turnbull, of Somerset, sentenced recently by Judge John A. Berkey to pay the costs, \$1,500 fine and to serve from one to two years in the workhouse for violating the liquor laws, was delivered last Saturday to Sheriff Lester G. Wagner and returned to the county jail here.

Testimony was taken before Judge Berkey in court Monday in a hearing of a petition asking the Court that Turnbull's sentence be modified because of his physical condition. Turnbull is suffering from tuberculosis and he has only one kidney. The Court will render a decision in the matter at a later date. Turnbull is now a prisoner in the county jail.

Turnbull had been proprietor of a restaurant known as "Duke's Place," in the basement of the Vanneer Hotel. His place of business has been padlocked for a period of one year.

Junior Base Ball League is Organized

The Junior Base Ball League, sponsored by the American Legion, is beginning to take on real aspects of becoming one of real interest. The boys had their first practice on Tuesday evening and are coming along in fine shape.

There are four teams now and they are divided as follows: The Reds, Whites, Blues and Greens. The coaches for these teams are, Wm. Darrah, Zip Commons, Paul Critchfield and John Lint. The entry blanks are coming in every day and the boys of Meyersdale are trying very hard to make a place on one of the teams.

The American Legion is doing one of the best things possible in bringing these boys together and deserve a great deal of credit.

Fire Laddies Respond to Call at Sipplesville

On last Monday evening between 11:30 and 12 o'clock, the fire whistle sounded an alarm for a fire at the home of Ezra Sipple, of Sipplesville, a short distance from Meyersdale. The brooder had exploded at the place but no particular damage had been done. The Fire Department responded as they always do, no matter where the fire may be and rendered what assistance they could.

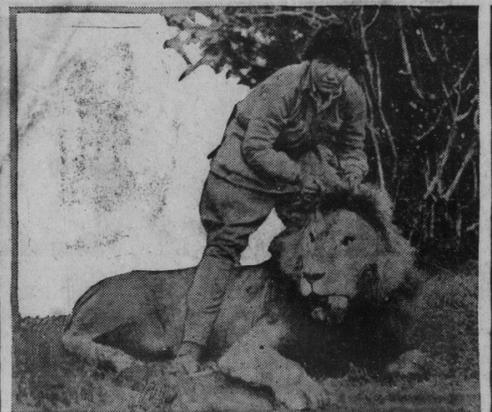
Junior Drum and Bugle Corps Visit Cumberland

The Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of Meyersdale attended the big parade and going held by the Boy Scouts, of Cumberland, Md., on Tuesday evening of this week.

The boys were taken to Cumberland in automobiles through the courtesy of the people of Meyersdale, and the instructors of the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps. The boys wish to thank each and every one for the courtesy shown them.

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Society Girl a Big Game Hunter



Miss Gertrude Sanford, New York society girl, athlete and big game hunter, shown with one of the five lions which she shot on a recent hunting trip to Tanganyika. Miss Sanford is now in Abyssinia heading the Sanford-Legendre expedition of the American Museum of Natural History in search of specimens of the Nyala, a very rare species of antelope.

Clarence Gray Severely Injured When He Falls Under Train in Motion

On last Wednesday evening Clarence Gray, an employee of the Western Maryland R. R. Co., at Rockwood, when returning to his home in Meyersdale made an attempt to board a freight train at that place and unfortunately his hold slipped on the step of the car and he was dragged for quite a distance and then thrown against the bank. His back was broken and it is reported that his spine was also injured.

It is indeed a very sad blow as Clarence was the only support of his mother, Clarence and his mother resided on the South Side. The boy was brought to Meyersdale and taken to the Hazel McGilvery Hospital where he is at the present time. The Commercial wishes to extend to the unfortunate boy and his mother, heartfelt sympathy.

Edwin F. Humbertson Is Claimed by Death

Edwin Franklin Humbertson died at his home in Elk Lick Township, Tuesday, May 28, after many months of illness. Born at Frostburg, Md., Sept. 16, 1867, he was on the day of his death 61 years, eight months and twelve days of age. In 1892 he was married to Lillie C. Custer. This union was blessed with eight children. He is survived by his wife, five sons and two daughters. The children are Mrs. Mary Breneman, of Newcomertown, Ohio; Charles Humbertson of Boynton, Pa.; Ralph Humbertson of Brotherton, Pa.; Lloyd Humbertson of Cumberland, Md.; Ernest and Anna both of West Lafayette, Ohio; and Clarence, at home. The deceased was a member of St. Paul's Reformed church, at St. Paul's. Interment was made at Grantsville, Md. The family wish mention made of their appreciation and thanks for the assistance and kindness of neighbors and friends.

Statisticians Set Limit Too Far Ahead

Meyersdale, Pa., June 5, 1929
Editor of the Meyersdale Commercial: I clip the following from your issue of last week:

Obligation and Privilege
For twenty-five years to come, so the statisticians tell us, there will be survivors of the Grand Army. That we should cherish them tenderly is an evident obligation as it is a high privilege.

I beg to state that if the "statisticians" have reference to the G. A. R. only, they have set the limit twenty years far ahead.

Four members of our local G. A. R. Post have died this year and at the rate they are answering "The Last Roll Call" throughout the country, all will be gone in five years; but if they include the "American Legion," and I hope they do, then I extend the time to sixty years at least.

A SON OF A UNION VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR.

CHURCH NOTICE

St. Paul's Reformed Church, R. D. 2, Meyersdale, Pa., Karl H. Beck, pastor. There will be no preaching service on June 9. However, Sunday School as usual at 9:30 a. m., followed by practice for Children's Day, Young People's Auxiliary, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Chas. Brown, leader.

Comic Operetta Given By the Catholic Church Is Favorably Received

"The Lass of Limerick Town," a romantic comic operetta in two acts, was staged at Reich's Auditorium on Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 3rd and 4th, before only fair sized audiences.

Miss Anna Bolden who worked earnestly and hard in order to make the show a success deserves a great deal of credit. The choruses carried out their dances, etc., to perfection and the players who carried the difficult singing parts were at their very best. Mrs. E. Paul Miller and Irene E. Bolden, who played the parts of Betty and Rose McCoy were very fine in their singing and acting parts.

Sir Charles Worthington, the part played by George Weyer, Lady Worthington, his wife, played by Lydia Glessner, and Captain Worthington, their son, played by Fred Bolden was as usual right at home when it came to singing. He sang several beautiful numbers in his always pleasing way. Judge Hooley, the guardian which part was played by Karl M. Leith was exceptionally very well rendered and in a very pleasing manner.

Justin O'Flynn, an amorous attorney, played by Robert Gauntz and Mrs. O'Flynn, his mother, played by Elizabeth Glessner were very well rendered. Eugene (Gene) Hostetter in the role of "Pat" the inn keeper, who cried terribly when something happened to Molly Maguire, and as the "Yankee farmer with the spondulix" acquitted himself in a very capable manner. Allen Maust who portrayed Mike, an ostler, and Mr. Smith the coachman in a very capable manner deserve a great deal of credit. His song "Molly Mine" was one of the big hits of the evening.

Charles Fallon, as the butler, certainly looked, and acted his part perfectly. Miss Georgia Welch, as Molly a waitress, was very forceful in her speaking parts. The entire cast deserves a great deal of credit and it is indeed very unfortunate that the crowd was not larger.

During the intermission between acts on the second night flowers were sold among the audience for the benefit of the Fire Department and netted \$10.40. These things all help the boys.

Octogenarian Dies at Home in Stoyestown

Mrs. Rebecca Combecker, aged 80, widow of Jeremiah Combecker, died at 8 o'clock Monday at her home at Stoyestown. Mr. Combecker's death occurred four years ago. Until moving to Stoyestown about eight years ago, the Combecker family resided in Somerset for many years. Mrs. Combecker is survived by two sons, Charles H., Somerset, and Harvey. The funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with burial in the Stoyestown cemetery.

BIDS ASKED!

The council of the Mt. Carmel Lutheran church at White Oak wishes to receive bids till the 15th of June, 1929, at one o'clock p. m., for the painting and varnishing of the interior of the church. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the council, WM. H. WELMER, Sec. Sand Patch, Pa. R. 2

Twenty-fifth Annual S. S. CONVENTION Will Be Held at WINDBER, PA.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Somerset County Sabbath School Association will be held in the East End Church of the Brethren, Windber, Pa., June 11-12, 1929. The program, which includes some of the foremost Sunday School workers of the county, is as follows:

Tuesday Morning, June 11th, 1929.

Frank K. Sanner, President, County Sabbath School Association, Presiding.

9:45 Song Service—Prof. I. H. Mack, Hall-Mack Music Company.

Mrs. R. L. Blattenberger, Pianist.

10:15 Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. A. C. Miller.

10:30 Song.

10:40 Address—R. Stanley Kendig, State Sabbath School Assn. Staff—Young People's Division. "Goals for Young People."

11:10 Song.

11:15 Address—John Silsley, President Westmoreland County S. S. Association—"The Educational Task of the School."

12:00 Announcements and Appointments of Committees. Adjournment. (Meals will be served in Convention Church—60 cents).

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 Period of Divisional Instruction—Conferences will be held in Convention Church.

No. 1. Children's Division—Mrs. Viola Vinton Morris—Subject—Material and Methods.

No. 2. Young People's Division—R. Stanley Kendig. Subjects 1. Building a Program for the Young People in the Local Church. 2. How and When to Prepare the Program.

No. 3. Administrative and Adult Conference—Mr. John Silsley. Subject: 1. Adequate Organization. 2. Effective Administration. 3. Teaching Efficiency. 4. Lesson—Material. 5. Growth.

2:30 Main Session—H. H. Dull, Vice President, Presiding.

2:45 Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. J. A. Richter.

2:50 Address—Mrs. Viola Vinton Morris—"The Value of Worship in the Child's Life."

3:20 Song.

3:25 Address—John Silsley—"Developing a Trained Leadership."

4:00 Song.

4:05 Address—H. C. Cridland, State Sabbath School Superintendent Adult Division—"Adult Bible Class Goals."

4:30 Offering.

Adjournment.

5:30 Fellowship Supper for Pastors, School Superintendents, County Association Officers and District Presidents and Secretaries (60 cents) Convention Church.

Evening Session—J. E. McCartney, Co. Supt. of Christian Education, Presiding.

7:30 Song Service.

7:50 Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. G. G. Gallagher.

8:00 Address—H. C. Cridland—"Home Ideals."

8:20 Windber Chorus.

8:30 Address—Dr. I. Chantry Hoffman, Board of Missions of Lutheran Pub. Society—"Loyalty."

9:30 Windber Chorus.

Offering and Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION June 12, 1929

9:15 Period of Divisional Instruction.

1. Children's Division—Mrs. Viola Vinton Morris—Subject—"Helps and Hindrances."

2. Young People's Division—R. Stanley Kendig. Subjects—1. Worship for Young People's Groups. 2. Adult Supervision for Young People's Groups. 3. School Administration and Adult Division—Prof. A. B. Cober, County Superintendent Adult Division.

10:15 Main Session—N. H. Weaver, Vice President, Presiding.

Song Service—Prof. I. H. Mack.

10:30 Reading of Scripture and prayer—Rev. D. G. Baumgardner.

Song

10:40 Address—R. Stanley Kendig—"Hidden Streams."

11:10 Song

11:20 Address—Viola Vinton Morris—"Placing the Child in the Midst."

12:00 Song

Adjournment

Wednesday Afternoon Session June 12, 1929

1:15 Main Session—George W. Collins, Vice President, Presiding.

Song Service.

1:30 Bible Reading—Madam Layyah Barakat.

Special Music—Olson Brothers.

1:40 Address—J. M. Messenger, Pastor, Christian Church, Somerset, "Japan."

2:30 Music—Olson Brothers.

2:40 Address—Prof. H. B. Speicher, Ex-County President—"Week Day Religious Education."

3:10 Business Session—F. K. Sanner,

ONE DEAD Another in Hospital As Result of Wolfsburg EXPLOSION

As a result of injuries suffered last Thursday afternoon when his dwelling at Wolfsburg was wrecked by an explosion of gas fumes from a lighting system, John D. Wolf, aged 55 years, a prominent citizen of Wolfsburg, died late Friday afternoon in the Timmins Hospital at Bedford. Death resulted from internal injuries, fractures of both legs and shock. His right leg was amputated in an attempt to save his life.

His wife, Mrs. Nettie Wolf, aged 52, who was also severely injured, was reported to be somewhat improved at the Bedford hospital, though her condition is still regarded as critical. The sight of both eyes were destroyed and her left foot crushed and broken.

Mr. Wolf was formerly a drug salesman, retiring about four years ago. He is survived by his widow and one son, John, living in Wisconsin. He also leaves a brother, Dr. A. C. Wolf, of Bedford. The deceased was a member of the Masons, Jaffa Temple Shriners and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

His body was removed to the home of Dr. Wolf. Funeral services were held Monday morning in the Mt. Smith Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf had spent the winter months in Florida and returned to their home in Wolfsburg last Wednesday. The explosion occurred when Mrs. Wolf attempted to light a small stove, the flame igniting fumes that had collected in the house as the result of a leak in the lighting system. Mr. Wolf and his wife were caught beneath the wreckage.

Hundreds of people visited the scene of the disaster over the week end. The house was completely wrecked, the extent of the damage amounting to several thousand dollars.

SOMERSET MAN SEES HIS SECOND HOME DESTROYED BY FLAMES WITHIN YEAR

Fire of an undetermined origin Thursday morning completely destroyed the bungalow of Charles Long of Somerset. The bungalow was occupied by Mr. Long's two sisters, Mrs. John McLuckie and Miss Ella Long. All of the household furnishings were destroyed. The Somerset Fire Co. responded to an alarm.

Mr. Long's first home in West Somerset was destroyed by fire a year ago, and the bungalow was erected on the site where the other dwelling was razed. The loss is estimated at \$2,000 and is partly covered by insurance.

We know many a fellow who would be satisfied with his job if he could get somebody else to work it for him.

President, Presiding.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer.

Report of Departmental Superintendents (three minutes each)

School Administration—Mrs. Friedline.

Adult Division—Prof. A. B. Cober.

Young People's Division—Joseph Olson.

Children's Division—Mrs. J. E. McCartney.

Parent Training—Mrs. M. A. Bowlby.

Rural—A. J. Sembower.

Christian Education—J. E. McCartney.

Missionary—Mrs. I. J. Spangler.

Home and Extension—A. B. Hoffman.

Temperance—Mrs. F. K. Sanner.

Reports from District Presidents.

Recognition Service:

1. Teachers in the Bible Schools of Somerset County having taught fifty years will present themselves on the platform for special recognition. (It will be necessary for all teachers in this class to file their names with the County Secretary not later than June 11th, in order to receive special recognition.)

2. Standard Schools of the County.

3. Districts having the greatest number of schools represented by registered delegates.

Election and Installation of County Officers.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

4:20 Music—Olson Brothers.

4:30 Offering and Adjournment.

5:30 Young People's Banquet—\$1.00 per plate—tickets on sale.

Wednesday Evening Session

Main Session—Prof. A. B. Cober, Presiding.

7:30 Song Service.

Devotional Reading and Prayer—Rev. Harold J. Gwynne.

7:45 Young People's Booster Chorus of the Foustwell United Brethren Church

8:00 Address—Madam Layyah Barakat Teacher and Lecturer—"The Shepherd Psalm."

9:00 The Booster's Chorus.

9:10 Offering and announcements.

9:20 Booster's Chorus.

9:30 Song and Adjournment.

Thomas Philson Dies In Bedford Hospital From Self-Inflicted Wound

The tragedy of the death of Thomas Walker Philson, of Berlin, who expired at 5:30 p. m., Monday, as the result of a bullet wound, self-inflicted, has come as a shock to the many friends and relatives of the unfortunate man.

"Tom," as he was familiarly known, left his home early on Monday morning, on what he termed a "little vacation," directing his car in an easterly course. He stopped on the way for a chat with John Lane, and went to the office of the Brothersvalley Coal Co., Macdonaldton, where he left the several keys belonging to the company.

Before he left home, he told his mother that he was going to Johnstown, but instead he directed his course to Bedford, where he purchased a revolver. He came back to a school house near Keg, on the lower road between West End and Manns Choice, where he fired several shots into the air, and then directed one shot into the region of his heart. He remained conscious in spite of the loss of a large amount of blood.

In this condition, "Tom" hailed a farmer who was passing with a load of lumber and asked for medical attention. The request was complied with and a phone call was sent to Bedford for a doctor and an ambulance, and the victim was removed to the Timmens Hospital at that place.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Philson, of Berlin, were notified of his condition, and his father accompanied by Glenn Bingner immediately left for Bedford, and were at his bedside when he passed away at about 5:30 Monday evening. H. R. Reed, of the Brothersvalley Coal Co., and Mrs. Reed also visited the deceased at the hospital. When questioned at the hospital as to the reason for committing the rash deed, "Tom" is reported to have said that it was on account of ill health with which he was afflicted for nearly a year. He remained conscious until he heard the shot, and he believed that had he not suffered the loss of so much blood his life might have been saved.

The body was prepared for burial by a Bedford undertaker and was removed to the parental residence at about noon, Tuesday. Funeral services were in charge of Johnson and Son. Glenn Bingner brought the Philson car back to Berlin Monday evening.

Deceased was a veteran of the World War, being the first recruit from Berlin in America's call for soldiers. With three brothers, he served until the close of the war in 1919. He was a charter member of the popular Berlin Band and was commissioned as assistant leader of the 320th Field Artillery Band in France. He was one of the original members of Don. M. Kimmel's Berlin Band, and has played a clarinet in the 110th Regiment Band and in the orchestra conducted by Mr. Kimmel.

Mr. Philson was 42 years of age and unmarried. He had for the past nine years been employed as chief accountant for the Brothersvalley Coal Co., at Macdonaldton. He was a graduate of the Berlin High School, class of 1903 and also attended the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Philson, by five sisters, Myra (Mrs. Harry Floto), Cumberland, Md.; Bertha (Mrs. Elwood Landis), Berlin; Miss Elizabeth Philson, Cumberland, Md.; Gertrude (Mrs. Chester Musser) and Florence (Mrs. George Dively), Berlin; and Leora (Mrs.