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LOCALS

John Housel of Keystone, Pa., was a visitor to Meyersdale the past Saturday.

Thomas Garlitz of Sand Patch, Pa., was a business visitor to this place on the past Saturday.

John Sturtz of Sand Patch was a visitor to Meyersdale the past Sunday afternoon.

F. P. Hare, Deputy Sheriff of Somerset County spent the week end here visiting with his family.

Mrs. John Jewett and Mrs. Alfred Daubert were visitors to Frostburg, Md., on last Thursday evening with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewelyn Rowe of Florida are visiting at the home of Mr. Rowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rowe of Broadway.

Mr. Clyde Rowe of Frostburg, Md., was a visitor to Meyersdale on the past Saturday with relatives and friends.

Clyde Hare, who is employed in Pittsburgh spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hare of "Casey's Cafe."

Mr. and Mrs. William Baer of Akron, Ohio, have arrived in Meyersdale for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Carl Seiler, who had been visiting at the home of his sister, Miss Alverda Seiler, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clark of Akron, Ohio, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Broadway, returned to their home in Akron, Ohio, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hare, daughter Betty and son Jack were visitors at the home of Mrs. Hare's sister, Mrs. Thomas McKenzie, and Mrs. Hare's mother, Mrs. M. A. Hare, on the past Sunday.

Joseph Walsh, who is employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Washington, Pa., spent the week end visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walsh of Olinger St.

Oliver Miller, who is employed by the State Highway Department was a week end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of Broadway.

Harry Leckemy, who is employed as General Manager of the American Bridge Co., with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., spent the past week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Leckemy of Main Street.

James Keegan, Jerry Foley, Frederick D'Amico, Howard Tipton and John McKenzie, who are employed by the Baltimore and Ohio R. Co., in Pittsburgh, Pa., spent the week end at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jewett and sons William and Thomas of Spangler, Pa., who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Daubert of Center St., returned to their homes on the past Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beachy of Youngstown, Ohio, arrived in Meyersdale on the past Saturday evening and are visiting at the home of Mr. Beachy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Beachy of Salisbury, Pa., and Mrs. Beachy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Imhoff of Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Beachy returned to their home in Youngstown, Ohio, the past Monday accompanied by Mrs. Beachy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Imhoff who will visit with them for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Stauffer and daughter Evelyn of Akron, Ohio, accompanied by two children of James E. Leckemy, Jr., of Akron, Ohio, arrived here on the past Friday for an extended visit with Mrs. Stauffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Leckemy of Main St. Councilman Leckemy's two grandchildren will also spend an extended vacation at the home of their grandparents before returning to Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Gus Pappas accompanied by her son Billy, arrived home from Cumberland, Md., the past Saturday. Mrs. Pappas had spent four days of the past week in Cumberland having taken Billy who had the sad misfortune of losing the sight of his left eye on the past Fourth of July, by having a portion of a torpedo fly into it. The injured member is being treated in order to strengthen it by Dr. Jones, eye specialist of Cumberland, Md.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR THOMAS W. GURLEY ON FRIDAY MORNING

Body of Airplane Victim Taken to Meyersdale For Funeral and Interment—Details of Fatal Flight.

Funeral services for Thomas W. Gurley were held from Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Meyersdale, on Friday morning, with Rev. J. Luther Frantz in charge. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful and spoke for themselves as to the large circle of friends of the deceased. The pall bearers were: Barron Shipley, Frank Thomas Jr., George Biesel, George Baer, John Horning and Daniel Clapper. The floral tributes were placed in the care of Ralph D. Pfahler and Mr. Hammond, who took them to Union cemetery where interment took place. Undertaker Joseph L. Tressler had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The deceased is survived by his sister, Mrs. Llewelyn Rowe of Florida, and two brothers John and Frank of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gurley of Cumberland, Md., an uncle and aunt of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Bohlen, Cumberland, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gurley, Cumberland, Md., Dr. and Mrs. Gurley, Johnstown, Pa., Mrs. Charles Gurley of Cumberland, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Frankenhoff with whom the deceased had made his home in Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Margaret Hoag of Philadelphia.

Thomas W. Gurley, met death on last Monday afternoon as he attempted a landing at the Pine Valley Field on the outskirts of Berlin, New Jersey. "Tom", as he was more familiarly known to his host of friends in Meyersdale and surrounding vicinity, was employed as air mail pilot by the Pitcairn Aviation Co., and on May 6th opened the air-mail route between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

The deceased was 27 years of age at the time of his death. After crossing the flying field at a low altitude, "Tom" maneuvered to turn into the wind for his landing, but failed to straighten out in time and crashed in a nearby cornfield of John McCauley on the Berlin Road near Berlin, New Jersey. The plane immediately burst into flames.

Badly hurt and unable to free himself from the pilot's seat, he was heard to cry for help. Three passing motorists, William Speedwell, Franklin Thomas, and John C. Hunt, all residents of Hammonton, N. J., saw the plane fall and ran across the field as the flames ate their way toward the stricken man. Speedwell who was in the lead, rushed to Gurley's side and tried to drag him free, but as he did so the flames suddenly enveloped the cock-pit, burning the rescuer on the face and hands and forcing him back.

Approximately 1000 persons were at the scene of disaster a few minutes after the fatal crash. The tragedy was witnessed by a friend of the deceased, Robert Jefferson, manager of the Pine Valley Field, whom Gurley had planned to pay a visit. Another eye witness, William R. Lawrence of Berlin Road, said he was standing in the rear of his home when he saw the plane flying low. "It appeared to dip in salute to the flag, at the Pine Valley Field," he said, "and then righted itself and continued for a short space. Suddenly it turned over in the air and plunged downward."

State police from the Berlin Barracks held the crowd at a distance while the West Berlin Fire Company extinguished the burning debris. Coroner Foster, of Collingswood, was summoned to take charge of the body. Mr. Gurley set out from Washington, D. C., where he had lived since May, in a Super-Mailing on Monday morning, July 8th, to test a radio beacon device now under development and designed to aid aviators in determining position. "Tom" had told Robert Jefferson, manager of the Pine Valley Field, "he would pay him a call some day," and officials believe, judging from previous tests, he was beginning to find himself out of range from the radio beacon station at College Park, Md., with which he was conducting the test, and had decided to stop off at the Pine Valley Field. Prior to opening the New York-Washington Route, Mr. Gurley had piloted an air-mail plane between Atlanta and Jacksonville, Florida, for the Pitcairn Organization. He had been with them just short of a year. He had been flying for about six years and was considered a very able pilot. Before taking up aviation he had gone in for automobile racing and was a very close friend of the famous race driver "Jimmy" Murphy who met death several years ago.

Thomas W. Gurley was born in Meyersdale, where he received his school training. After the death of his father, the late Thomas W. Gurley, who conducted a Jewelry store very successfully in this place for some time, "Tom" who was then in

Through the Pansy Ring Means an Engagement



Twelve brides-to-be, members of the senior class of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, divulged their engagements at the annual "Pansy Breakfast" given by the Delta Delta Delta sorority in honor of the graduating class. The pretty custom requires that at a given signal during the breakfast each engaged senior must arise and pass through the ring of pansies.

NORTH-SOUTH ROUTE TO BE HARD SURFACED

Harrisburg, July 17—An all-improved north-south route, from the National Pike, in Somerset County, to Gallitzin, in Cambria County, serving Somerset, Stoyestown, Johnstown, Cresson, and intermediate points, will be established as the result of the Wheeler-Plynn Bill allocation of \$255,156.19 to Somerset County and a highway construction contract now under way, James Lyall Stuart, Secretary of Highways, said today. This improved will be Traffic Route No. 53, with the exception of an unimproved gap between the Lincoln Highway, southeast of Stoyestown and Hooversville, which is paralleled by an improved county road between Stoyestown and Hooversville.

The preferences under the Wheeler-Plynn Act, expressed by the Somerset County Commissioners, as approved by Secretary Stuart and Governor John S. Fisher, are: Traffic Route No. 53, from end of improvement north to Kingwood—5.3 miles.

Traffic Route No. 53, from Holsopple thru to the South borough line of Hooversville—4.0 miles. These preferences will close the gaps of unimproved road on Traffic Route No. 53 excepting the section between the Lincoln Highway and Hooversville and will provide a new north-south improved road from Somerset County to Cambria County connecting U. S. Route No. 40, the National Pike, Traffic Route No. 31 locally known as the Old Glades Trail, U. S. Route No. 30, the Lincoln Highway, and U. S. Route No. 22, the William Penn Highway. Traffic will be able to follow improved roads from the National Pike through the two counties in Gallitzin. The unimproved gap on Route 53, between the Lincoln Highway southwest of Stoyestown, and Hooversville, is paralleled by an improved county road between Stoyestown and Hooversville. A contract providing for the construction of 4.65 miles of concrete pavement, now under way, will close the gap between the improved sections leading from Davidsville and Ferndale.

The town of Confluence, where the Youghioheny and Casselman Rivers join, a summer haven for many tourists, will be accessible over improved roads from Traffic Route No. 31, the Lincoln Highway, U. S. Route No. 219 and the William Penn Highway. The towns of Listonburg, Beachly, Dumas, Harndesville, Ursina, Paddytown, Kingwood, New Centerville, Stoyestown, Friedens, Hooversville, Blough, Landstreet, Holsopple, Davidsville, will benefit through the connection of improved roads with these highways.

Traffic from Cresson, Johnstown, Somerset and intermediate points, travelling to Morgantown and Uniontown, will have a shorter and more direct route free from traffic congestion by following Traffic Route No. 53, and the National Pike to Uniontown. Traffic on U. S. Route No. 219 will be relieved somewhat by the establishment of this improved parallel route between Cresson and the National Pike.

Speaking of 'Specs'

Summer spectacles are important to the affairs of the season, and at the seashore, and in hills, mountains, and on the busy highways one beholds an almost universal acceptance of pyralin materials that remind one of tortoise shell, pearl and crystal composite, gray pearl and amber.

BAND CONCERT TO OPEN CONVENTION AT CENTRAL CITY

The annual convention of the Somerset County Volunteer Firemen's Association will be entertained by Central City Fire Department No. 1, will be officially opened with a band concert on Wednesday evening, July 24, at 6:30 o'clock on the show grounds. Justice of the Peace F. J. Mulcahy will make the address of welcome to the visiting firemen.

Following the address there will be a business session, including the nomination of officers and the selection of the place for the 1930 convention. A memorial service will be held at 8:15 o'clock in memory of the fire ladders who have passed away.

The second morning of the Convention, Thursday, July 25th, captains or managers of companies entering for prizes will meet at 9 A. M. with the chairman of the sports committee at the municipal building where drawings will take place for positions in the various contests. Band concerts will be rendered by bands of the visiting companies.

The business session will be continued from 9:30 A. M. to 12 noon when balloting for officers and place of convention for 1930 will take place. In the interim, at 9:30, a silver loving cup will be the prize for the six man crew who will take a 30 foot ladder off a truck and carry it 150feet. At 10:15, another loving cup will be the prize for the winner of the hose reel contest. The third silver loving cup will go to the victor of the hub and nut race which will commence at 11:15.

At 1:30 P. M. each fire department, fastidiously groomed, will enter the Grand Parade to compete for the silver cups offered for the best appearing band, the largest and best Drum Corps, best appearing company of 24 or more men, largest uniformed group, largest number of men in line, largest auxiliary in line, best appearing auxiliary of 14 or more ladies in line, shortest fireman, tallest fireman and heaviest one in the line of parade. At three P. M., the pumping contest will begin, the prize being a silver loving cup. Another will be given to the winning side of the tug-of-war contest of not over ten men. All prizes will be awarded at 5 o'clock followed by a band concert on the show grounds. The gay midway will be the attraction after 7:30 with dancing in the unicipal building after 9:00.

The Boy Scout movement has received official recognition in the program of events during the convention, starting off Friday afternoon at 2:30 with Troop assembly. Somerset County Scout Commissioner Clinton White, of Windber, will have charge of the opening ceremonies at 3:00 P. M. when competitive demonstrations on signaling in the Morse code or semaphore code, dressing and undressing contest, scout relay broad jump, knotting and string burning contests, first aid, troop specialty will take place. Each troop will prepare and cook their own supper at 5 o'clock. Troops making the best demonstration of a camp and of the program will receive a silver loving cup. American Legion Bugle and Drum Corps will appear at 7:30 and a half hour later will join in a competitive parade with the Boy Scout troops. Loving cups will be awarded for first and second best Drum Corps in line, third prize for best appearing Junior Drum Corps, fourth prize for the best appearing district group of Boy Scouts and a silver loving cup for the District group having traversed the greatest total mileage. After 9:30, all the participants will join in the amusement attractions and dancing.

Saturday afternoon, the Farmers will assemble at 3:00 P. M. to hear

speeches on the cost of fire in America. At 3:30 demonstrations will show fire protection means that farmers can enjoy without any additional cost. The effect of water and chemicals on a burning building will be shown at 4:00 by a group of fire-fighters. The closing events of the sessions will start at 7:30 in the show grounds with shows, rides, bingo, dancing after 9:00, a numbers parade at 10:00 P. M. and at 11 P. M. the drawing for Pontiac coach will be announced as well as the winner of the popularity contest.

The officers of the entertaining firemen consist of R. H. Lochrie, pres., Harry Bracken, vice pres., D. F. Weichtensier, sec., Jos. Miller, assistant sec., Lloyd Gordon, financial sec., J. E. Lohr, treas., Edward Mills, chief, E. L. Henderson, first asst. chief, H. A. Johns, second asst. chief, A. J. McQuade, foreman, William Forsythe, 1st asst. foreman, George Sura, second asst. foreman and J. R. Bowser, third asst. foreman. The Board of Directors are J. E. Lohr, F. J. Mulcahy, Edward Mills, William Robertson and J. M. Miller. The convention committee are: R. H. Lochrie, Edward Sebring, F. J. Mulcahy, J. E. Lohr, George Sura, Harry Bracken, E. L. Henderson, John Sura, Charles Ashman, J. A. Johns, Edward Mills, Elmer Bracken, James Miller and A. J. McQuade.

C. J. RHODES SUFFERS SEVERE INJURIES IN FALL FROM BARN ROOF

Mr. C. J. Rhodes of St. Paul, Elk Lick Township, met with a very serious accident on Friday of last week while assisting to put a new roof on the barn of Daniel Boyer, located about five miles north of Berlin. Mr. Rhodes had ascended to the top of the ladder used in getting on the roof and was just in the act of getting on the roof when the ladder gave way causing him to fall to the ground, a distance of about 19 feet. He was very much stowed up and bruised by the fall which rendered him helpless.

Dr. Shaw of Berlin was immediately summoned and was soon at the place of the accident. He administered first aid treatment to the injured man who was suffering internally. The ambulance of W. C. Price was brought to the scene in a short time and removed Mr. Rhodes to the Wenzel hospital in Meyersdale. Upon examination by X-ray and otherwise it was found that his right shoulder was badly crushed and that several bones on the same side of his body were fractured—the clavicle, his bone, and femur—together with other injuries of more or less severity.

We are pleased to state that at this writing, report has it, that the condition of Mr. Rhodes is responding to treatment and showing improvement. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Foreign Patents

A majority of American manufacturers and exporters pay very little attention to securing foreign patents for their products. This has prompted a warning from the Chief of the Patent and Trade Mark section of the United States Department of Commerce. He says that failure of American manufacturers and inventors to protect themselves in foreign markets has been to the great advantage of foreign manufacturers who have copied American-made goods and placed them on the market in their own names.

An eastern educator says that big classes are tending the flivverize the schools. Well, that ought to enable the youngsters to get a rattling good education.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL SCOUT CAMP HAS SUCCESSFUL FIRST WEEK

Bright and early Monday morning, July 8th, the site of the Somerset County Council Scout camp on Laurel Hill Creek, was invaded by twenty-five Scouts representing Troops from Windber, Meyersdale, Central City, Berlin and Somerset. Most of these boys will spend two weeks at the camp, and those who had planned to stay only one week soon decided that they would write home for permission to stay the second week. The Scouts in camp during the first week are: Herman Large of Troop 2 Meyersdale, James Coleman, Billie Beam, Ralph Moore, Herbert Kanot, Charles Shaffer, George Mense, Robert C. Darr, all of Troop 3 Somerset; Edgar Lohr, George Darr, both of Troop 2 Somerset; Robert Landis, Don Walker and Frank Womer, all of Troop 1 Somerset; James Forney, Gilmore Rinick, John Hoffman, Samuel Brubaker, all of Troop 1 Berlin; Harold Churns of Troop 2 Windber, and Leo Labuda, George Zalunak, John Trosky, George Mamacek, Walter Baruckky, Andy Chipchucky and William Weicht of Troop 1 Central City.

The camp site presents a very attractive picture. There is a street of tents on either side of a central flag pole. At the end of the street is the Headquarters tent and at the other end the staff tent. To the right of the staff tent is the First Aid Tent which is well equipped to handle any emergency which might arise. One of the most attractive points in the camp, at least to the boys, is the mess hall where three times a day wholesome and satisfying meals are served to the Scouts.

The camp is under the personal direction of Scout Executive Paul W. Schoen, of the Somerset County Council and he is assisted by Prof. Bernard S. Hostetler of Central City. A group of older Scouts have charge of the various departments of the camp. William Parson, of Somerset, acts as adjutant and directs the formations of the day in addition to his work as swimming instructor. Scout Walter Baldwin of Somerset, is chief instructor and has charge of all the advancement work in the camp. Eagle Scout William Miller of Scalp Level, has charge of the Pioneering work and is a ready helper in other departments. Venie Connella of Windber, has charge of the First Aid instruction and of the First Aid tent. Scout Willard Gates of Somerset, is assistant in charge of instruction and is chief of the Sanitary Department. George Hayes of Somerset, a Red Cross Life Saver, is instructor in swimming and first aid, to help the boys prepare for the Red Cross tests.

Scoutmaster E. Walter Larson, Somerset, who is attending camp the first two weeks with his Troop is helping on the staff in many ways and has won the friendship and respect of all the Scouts. The first day of camp was devoted to getting settled and organizing the work for the coming days. The first thing Tuesday morning, the sound of the bugle woke the boys to a program of activity. This call came at 6:30 and was followed at 6:35 by reveille. The boys were then lined up for setting-up exercises followed by the morning dip or wash. At 7:05 there is a sick call at which every boy is examined for any possible ailment. At 7:15 there is an assembly at which the colors are raised and a short patriotic exercise is given. This is followed by mess, called at 7:20. 8 o'clock there is a good turn program which the boys do something for the benefit of the camp in instruction work or in improving the camp site. At 9 o'clock there is a Scoutcraft class followed by a second period of Scoutcraft at 10 o'clock. A very popular period comes at 11:15 when the Scouts have their first swim of the day. Second mess is at 12:15 which is followed by a rest hour. Tent inspection is conducted at 2:15 at which time it is difficult to find the least bit of dirt or disorder about the tents. From 2:30 to 4:30 is a recreation period when such features as baseball games, track meets, swimming meets, and the like are on the program; during this period the boys may elect to do special Scoutcraft work. The afternoon swim at 4:20 is followed by the evening parade when a personal inspection is conducted. Every Scout strives to be faultlessly dressed at this time as an award is made to the Scout presenting the best appearance. At 5:15 there is a flag ceremony which precedes evening mess at 6:00 o'clock. After mess group games are conducted on the campus until time for the evening campfire. Tatoo sounds at 9 o'clock and at 9:15 the blowing of taps brings a full days activity to a close.

On Thursday afternoon a track meet was held. All of the Scouts took part and as a result there was very close competition. The results of the events were as follows: 50 yard dash won by John Hoffman of Troop 1

SOMERSET GARAGE SCENE OF ROBBERY

A cash register was destroyed and an attempt made to dynamite a safe at Geisler Brother's garage early on last Wednesday morning. There were broken window panes and door locks, and a crudely jimmied cash box, and a battered safe door attest the fact that the robbers were active while they were in the garage. They entered the building through a shattered window in the rear and made their way to the office where by using a sharp instrument they had found on a work bench they broke open the cash register.

Finding the cash register to contain nothing of value they returned to the rear of the garage and secured a large electric drill which was connected to a convenient plug in the wall of the office. They then made use of a 20 pound sledge hammer which they found nearby and smashed the handles off the safe, which if reports are true, was not locked. Their motive in drilling the safe, authorities believe, was to afford them a place for "souping" preparatory to dynamiting it.

That they left in a hurry, possibly when warned by a confederate stationed outside was evident. They left by the front door of the garage. This was the third attempt of its kind on the Geisler Garage, and the second within the past two months. There was no cash obtained by the robbers, although money had been left in another part of the building.

LOST—Between Suder farm near Garrett, Pa., and Donges slaughter house, Meyersdale, Pa., 1 pair glasses, celluloid rims. Finder please return same to Meyersdale Commercial Office and receive reward. 29-11