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COURT NEWS

The following persons appeared before Judge John A. Berkey in court Monday morning and waiving the finding of bills by the grand jury entered pleas of guilty:

Frank Bartniak, of Jennings No. 2, carrying concealed weapons, was sentenced to pay the costs and to serve six months in the Allegheny County Workhouse.

Harry Poel, of Altoona, failure to stop and render assistance following an automobile accident, was sentenced to pay the costs and a fine of \$300, with alternate sentence of 90 days in the county jail.

Budd Watkins, of Hooversville, violation of the liquor laws, was sentenced to pay the costs, \$300 for the use of Somerset County and placed in the custody of the Sheriff. The Court announced that unless Watkins would retire from the business immediately there would be a further sentence imposed. Watkins conducts a restaurant.

William H. Bittner, of Berlin, charged with non-support of a child, was ordered to pay \$20 per month and furnish \$600 bond.

A rehearing was held in the case of H. B. Miller, of Somerset Township, serving a sentence at the County Home for desertion and non-support and the defendant was ordered returned to the same institution.

Jack Frank of Boswell, an offense against morality, was sentenced to pay \$10 per month for a period of 14 years and ordered to post \$1,000 bond.

Andy Toth, of Kelso, violation of the liquor laws, was discharged upon payment of the costs.

Nick Modis, of Kelso, violation of the liquor laws, will be delivered by the Sheriff to the superintendent of the Somerset County Home and Hospital until further order of the Court.

RALPHTON MINER INSTANTLY KILLED

Tony Bontoni, 36, World War Veteran, Crushed by Rock Fall; Buddy Escapes.

Tony Bontoni, aged 36 years, an overseas veteran of the World War, was instantly killed about 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening when caught beneath fall of rock while working in the Quemahoning Coal Company mine. He was badly crushed against the chest. His buddy, John Rebay, escaped with slight injuries.

The deceased was not married. He is survived by a brother, Frank Bontoni, living at Hellwood. Bontoni had worked for the Quemahoning Coal Company for the last seven years.

Funeral services were held in the Ralphton Catholic Church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Interment in the church cemetery. The body was turned over to the Friedline undertaking firm, of Boswell, who prepared it for burial.

TWO DAY SESSION OF MISSIONARY WORKERS TO BE HELD IN BERLIN

The Forty Third annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. will be held in Berlin, Pa., Oct. 3rd and 4th, 1929. Executive Board meeting, 1:00 P. M. Thursday. Opening session of Synodical meeting 2:30 Thursday. Business sessions Friday morning and Friday afternoon. Special features Thursday evening—Address—Dr. David B. Schneider, D. D., President of North Japan College, Sendai, Japan. A Pageant—The Striking of America's Hour by the Conrad Missionary Society, Berlin, Pa.

The address on Friday evening will be given by Mrs. D. B. Schneider, of Sendai, Japan.

In connection with the dinner Friday evening at 5:30, a Girl's Guild Banquet and Conference will be held with Mrs. Ira Harkins of Pittsburgh, presiding and Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, Philadelphia, Pa., Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod the principal speaker.

A unique feature of the program Friday afternoon will be the Recognition Service for the members of the Reading Circle in charge of Mrs. D. B. Snyder, of Greensburg.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend all of these meetings—business and inspirational.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt arrived in New York with Mrs. Roosevelt recently, from an exploring trip in the wilds of China and Indo-China. The Col. is on his way to assume his post as Governor General of Port Rico, to succeed President Hoover upon his

Hens Need A Hard Insoluble Grit To Grind Their Feed

There are two types of grit sold for poultry, the one a soluble stone, the other not readily dissolved even in strong acid. Are we correct in assuming that both types are equally good for chickens?

Grit is fed to give the birds something that will help them properly grind their feed. The hen does not have teeth. It is obvious then that any grit which is readily dissolved in acid or that is so soft that it crumbles with little or no pressure would not prove very satisfactory as grinding material. The gastric juice which acts on the feed in a bird's gizzard is acid. This then eliminates the calcium salts such as limestone, marble, phosphate rock, gypsum, etc. as grit.

Any grit that is easily pulverized in the fingers should not be used even if it is insoluble in the presence of acid, because it will be ground up too quickly. If grit is to be hard enough to grind grain and grind up grass or other fibrous material, it must be rough and not easily pulverized.

A fairly light colored or shiny grit undoubtedly is the very best grinding material available because it attracts the bird's eye and is hard and rough at the same time. Birds are notorious for their instinct to pick up shiny things. Gravel, that is, sandstone, will serve as grit, but it is not as good grinding material as granite nor is it attractive to the birds as it lacks the glitter of the mica in granite grit.

Chickens not given proper grinding material are inclined to eat litter or other fibrous material and as a result do not keep up in weight or lay as well as hens properly fed. The grit is almost always full of fibrous material, all of which means greater mortality. Unless your soil contains an abundance of gravel and small granite stones and the birds are running outdoors the year round, feed grit freely. More than that, be sure that it is a hard acid insoluble granite or gravel grit.

Mrs. Ruben Folk, aged 75 years, for 15 years a resident of Akron, Ohio, died on Sunday, September 15, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Fuller, 1008 Celina Ave.

Preliminary services were held at the Fuller home on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 3 o'clock, after which the body was taken to St. Paul, Elk Lick Township, where the final funeral service was conducted on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 2 o'clock P. M. in St. Paul's Reformed Church, by the Rev. S. D. Sigler of the Lutheran Church in Salisbury. Interment was made in St. Paul's cemetery.

Mrs. Folk whose maiden name was Mary Drucilla Johnson became the wife of Ruben Folk, a widower, and nobly assisted him in bringing up the children of his former marriage. To this union were born 15 children, 8 of whom have preceded her to the spirit world. Mr. and Mrs. Folk resided in West Salisbury for 35 years. Soon after the death of her husband, she went to Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Folk was a member of the Methodist Church. While living in West Salisbury she was a great help to her neighbors in time of sickness and will long be remembered by them.

We have evidence to believe that she lived a consistent Christian life. Many were the floral tributes which decked her casket and otherwise were displayed as an evidence of the love and esteem in which she was held by her children and friends.

Mrs. Folk is survived by seven sons and daughters, twenty-nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her sons and daughters are: Fred and John Folk, of Akron; Mrs. Lewis Fuller and Mrs. G. M. Simmons, of Akron; Mrs. William Lingenfelter, of South Fork, Pa.; Mrs. John Lewis, of Defiance, Pa., and Mrs. Arthur Umstead, of Buffalo. Besides the above there are also surviving the following step children: Mrs. Ellen Patten, Mrs. Mahala Bodes, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, Eli Folk and William Folk.

MOTOR CARS COLLIDE IN UPPER DIAMOND ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Early Saturday night two cars came together in Berlin's Upper Diamond with a crash which could be heard several blocks away. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured.

Mr. Samuel Engle, son of Mr. Ralph Engle, of Berlin, was driving a Pontiac roadster west on Main Street, when he was suddenly met by Mr. Ed. Barron, of Somerset, driving a Reo coupe south on Broad Street. Both cars were evidently going at a high speed. The Pontiac car was hit broadside and was almost totally wrecked.

The coupe was able to proceed on its own power, but had a badly battered front. Just what or who was responsible for the unfortunate collision has not been learned.

The Ohio license on the Engle car was explained by the owner being Mr. Lloyd Hauger, of Akron, Ohio.

Allegheny Township Gave Boose Majority

Norman T. Boose received 52 votes against 29 given to Chas. H. Ealy, in the primary election in Allegheny Township.

MEYERSDALE, PA., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1929

Virginia Negroes Have Old-Time Baptism



Bishop C. M. Grace, a Portuguese negro minister, recently worked up a great religious revival among the colored residents of Newport News, Va. The picture shows some of the 350 who were baptized being immersed in the James river.

MRS. RUBEN FOLK EXPIRES IN AKRON

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These improvements cost about \$30,000, most of which was subscribed before the work was begun. Subscriptions have been paid with commendable promptness, so that the treasurer has been able to pay the bills as they came due thus far. The work was all done locally, except repairing the pipe organ by the Voteler, Holtkamp, Sparling Organ Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, and decorating the church auditorium, by the D. Brat Studios, of Cumberland, Md.

The church auditorium is decorated in oil, and in chaste color tones that blend with the furnishings and art glass windows, and presents a very beautiful appearance, which helps to create the atmosphere of worship. These improvements were greatly needed and add much to the attractiveness of this splendid church plant.

The members of the congregation deserve great credit for the successful accomplishment of this laudable undertaking. The work was supervised by John N. Cover, President of the Board of Trustees, assisted by W. H. Stoltz, C. Heckle, and W. H. Holzschu, members of the Board. It is expected that a large congregation will be present at the reopening service the coming Lord's Day.

FIRST SOCIETY OF FARM WOMEN MEET

The First Society of Farm Women met at the home of Mrs. W. W. Haug, Wednesday, Sept. 4th.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. W. M. Booze, with Scripture reading. Roll call answered by scripture verses and jokes. Reading by Mrs. Harvey Walker. Duet by Mrs. Ed. Braeseker and Mrs. Ralph Hay. Mrs. Dorsey Hoffman had impromptu class, Mrs. Earl Dickey first speaker, Mrs. Harvey Walker, Mr. Habel and others. Reading by Mr. Habel. At noon a delicious luncheon was served.

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PROGRAM

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Duet—Mrs. Ed. Walker and Mrs. Wm. Ebough
Solo—Mrs. S. F. Tholan

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BAKE AND FOOD SALE

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Cars Crash Saturday Night in Salisbury

Ward Engle figured in a automobile wreck on Saturday night about 11 o'clock, in Salisbury, when a car owned by Dr. Jones, of Salisbury, was driven out on the main highway from the street between Burchus and Livingood's Store and Dr. Hoke's residence.

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CROP VALUE WILL BE HIGH DESPITE DROP IN YIELDS

HARRISBURG, Sept. 24.—Despite the severe drought which has reduced the size of many crops, the value of all crops produced on farms in the Commonwealth this year will in all probability exceed the 1928 total, according to officials of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The production of several of the principal field crops will be among the lowest on record but this reduction in supply has increased the price level to such an extent that higher aggregate values are resulting.

The corn crop, for example, is estimated at about 45,000,000 bushels, the lowest since 1909, and yet indicated prices will probably make this short crop worth practically as much as the 50,000,000 bushel crop of 1928.

Less Wheat

The wheat crop is 3,000,000 bushels more than the small crop of 1928 and with prices fully as high as those prevailing a year ago, between three and four million dollars will be added to the total value.

Oats, will apparently be the smallest crop since 1909, but its total value will undoubtedly be worth as much as last year's crop, which was valued at \$18,000,000.

The potato crop is indicated as one of the two smallest since 1918 and yet it may prove to be one of the two most valuable crops on record.

Tobacco production is estimated at 6,000,000 pounds below the 5-year average but it is easily possible that the crop will be the most valuable since the \$10,000,000 production of 1928.

The hay crop will be approximately 500,000 tons less than a year ago but this shortage may easily result in the value of the crop exceeding the 1928 total by several million dollars. While the present market conditions are not favorable, it is pointed out that there have been five smaller crops during the past 10 years.

Fruits Similar

The fruit grower is experiencing conditions similar to those of producers of other crops, that is, smaller total production but higher prices. Approximately 3,000,000 fewer bushels of apples, peaches, pears and pears have been produced this year than a year ago but it appears that the aggregate value of these crops this year will be a million dollars or more above the value of the 1928 crops. The apple crop will likely be the smallest since 1921, the pear crop one of the two smallest on record, and the peach crop at least 400,000 bushels below the 5-year average.

While estimates on the value of farm crops will not be available until December, it is anticipated that farmers in Pennsylvania will have produced this year fully as large a proportion of the total value of all farm crops grown in the United States as they did a year ago.

P. T. A. Meeting

The first P. T. A. meeting for this year was held in the Auditorium of the High School on Thursday evening, September. The chairman, Rev. Willis Ronk, called the meeting to order. Mrs. H. M. Cook directed the singing. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The new officers recently elected were introduced by the president. James Slicer, the newly elected president took charge. Miss Dorcas Tressler rendered a violin solo with Helen M. Bittner as an accompanist.

Mrs. J. E. McCartney outlined plans for increasing the membership of the P. T. A. J. N. Lint, who had charge of the banner, awarded the Senior banner to Miss Hosteller and the Junior banner to Miss Darboe. Carl Leith pleased the audience with several vocal selections. After a few brief remarks by Supervisor, D. H. Bauman the meeting adjourned after which refreshments were served and the people mingled in pleasant social intercourse.