

**THE SOMERSET CENTENNIAL VEDETTE.**  
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**Extra Copies for Sale.**  
 This, the Centennial edition of THE VEDETTE, will be read by 5,000 people; wide-awake, substantial people who appreciate a good thing. The second edition of THE CENTENNIAL VEDETTE, which we propose to issue on the 3rd of July, will be read by 25,000 people. These editions will be read, re-read, shown around and finally preserved as souvenirs. These are the only editions of the county papers that make a special feature of Somerset county's Centennial. Copies of these editions will be for sale at THE VEDETTE office, at Fisher's Book store and Heffley's Clothing store.

**Centennial Squibs and Other Drips**  
 Can a good time be had in Somerset on the Glorious Fourth, I wonder? Just come right along and join in the throng and "get in out of the wet." For the town will be dressed in its very best by the "Frosty Sons of Thunder;" and you may bet you'll never regret the time you'll have in Somerset.

Some very fine vocal choruses will be rendered at the Centennial, by a large number of picked singers. No kind of music beats good vocal music. Come and hear something real fine.  
 Fireworks? Well, we should say so. The fireworks at the Centennial will beat heads itself. Not for heat, but for beauty. If you want to see the grandest pyrotechnic display ever given in Western Pennsylvania, come to Somerset on the Fourth.

Bicycle races and a full line of field sports will be features of the Centennial. The Bicycle brigade will be a feature of the big parade that will be worth going many miles to see. A large, well-drilled bicycle club from Johnstown will be in attendance.

The people of Somerset are leaving nothing undone that will add to the comfort and pleasure of her thousands of guests that will help to celebrate the county's One Hundredth anniversary. Somerset has a reputation for her hospitality which will be kept up.

The street decorations will be grand during the Centennial. The sight of the flags, bunting, evergreens and other scenes will be enough to make the American eagle soar, and soar, and soar, and soar until the gay old bird gets so sore that it can't soar any more.

And will there be base-ball? Yes, base-ball with a big B. Some very good games will be played here during the big celebration. Come and see the sport. Don't wait until "after the ball" and then hire a steam kicking machine to kick your pants for not coming to the greatest show on earth.

Johnstown, the Flood City, will be well represented here on the Fourth. We heard a vulgar fellow remark, the other day, that "when the big crowd from Johnstown comes pouring into Somerset the people will think that a J—n sight bigger dam broke at that place than the one that broke there a few years ago."

If you have been appointed as a member of the general Centennial committee, and have been politely requested to contribute a dollar, lose no time in forwarding the same to Treasurer H. M. Berkley. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." "It is more blessed to give than to receive," not only in the matter of advice, but in the coin of the realm also.

Among the wholesale liquor firms of Johnstown, John Ludwig & Son need no recommendation as it is claimed they are the oldest established firm in their line in Cambria county. They are widely known for their spare dealing, and their place of business is one of the finest in Western Pennsylvania. The building appears very prominently at No. 540 Washington street, just as you enter the B. & O. depot at Johnstown.

Few counties have sent out more prominent people into all parts of the United States than has grand old Somerset county. The county feels proud of her illustrious sons that have achieved wealth and prominence in so many of the states of the Union, and the town of Somerset will extend unto them a royal welcome at the celebration of the county's one hundredth anniversary. Many of them will be here.

The firm of M. Oppenheimer & Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., whose advertisement appears in this issue, is an old established house and has always enjoyed the reputation for sound business principles and progressive ideas in the mercantile world. Mr. James K. Jacobs, one of the above firm, ably represents the house in this vicinity and is well and favorably known to many of our citizens, among whom he has made many friends by his genial and courteous manner. Mr. Jacobs enjoys the reputation among the Clothing trade of being one of the most successful and widely known salesmen in Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

Every town and township ought to join in the fantastic parade. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men," and there's any amount of harmless nonsense in a big fantastic parade.

Louther's boot and shoe store, of Johnstown, was established in 1858. It is claimed for it that it is the oldest exclusive shoe house in Western Pennsylvania. This house handles an immense stock and has always enjoyed a most enviable reputation for good goods and reasonable prices. See their advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

P. S. Fisher, the founder and proprietor of the large wholesale liquor house of Fisher & Co., Johnstown, Pa., is a native of Berlin, this county. He is one of the hundreds of very prominent business men that hail from the good old county of Somerset and that can be found all over the country. John Streum, a partner in the firm, was drowned in the Johnstown flood. This wholesale liquor house is one of the most reliable in the city, as well as one of the oldest and finest. Mr. Fisher is regarded everywhere as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Johnstown.

Prof. Joseph J. Stutzman—"Uncle Joe," as he is fondly known—is one of Somerset's good old men that all the county admires and holds in the most reverential esteem. His reminiscences, published elsewhere in this issue, make up an intensely interesting article that will be read with keen interest. "Uncle Joe" was Somerset county's first superintendent of schools, and to him belongs much of the credit for the advancement of the cause of education in our county. Although now about four score years old, his mind is yet very active, his step sprightly and all his faculties remarkably well preserved for one of his years. He still takes great interest in school matters and is as close a student as in days of yore. All honor to "Uncle Joe."

**The Number of Our Advertisers.**  
 This, the Souvenir Centennial issue of THE VEDETTE, has 135 advertisers. Quite a number, isn't it? We feel proud of this and believe we can say without successful contradiction that no other edition of any newspaper ever published in Somerset county had so large a number of advertisers. In fact we know this, and another thing we know is that no newspaper ever published in the United States had a better class of advertisers.

We believe that none of our advertisers or readers will be disappointed in this special edition, for the paper is all that we represented it to be, and we claim even more. In its columns will be found many things of historical interest, for which valuable feature every copy of the paper ought to, and we believe will be preserved for future reference. It also contains matter of local interest to the county, advertises her resources, etc., which we trust will be of benefit to her people in future years.

The contributors to our columns are among the best writers that the county and Western Pennsylvania afford. Their contributions will be read with a great deal of interest.

**Of Course It Should! It is Expected to! Come on!**

Johnstown should join with Somerset in the celebration of her centennial. We believe that ancient borough has not yet formally invited this city to participate in this great affair, but she will doubtless do so, and as a good neighbor it will be our part to accept any invitation she may offer and do our best to make the occasion all it should be. If proper effort shall be made there is no reason why Johnstown should not turn out in full feather and in large numbers to do honor to the hundredth anniversary of charming old Somerset.—*Johnstown Democrat.*

Before this paper is in print Johnstown will doubtless have received a formal invitation to come to Somerset in a body to help to make the eagle scream and celebrate the county's 100th anniversary. The people of Johnstown are our kind of people, and as good old Somerset county has largely contributed to that thriving city's prosperity and citizenship, the people of Somerset county send greeting and will be pleased to entertain the Johnstownians and make it as pleasant for them as possible.

**Committee on Statistics and History.**

The Centennial Committee on History and Statistics is composed of the following well-known representative citizens of Somerset town and county:

Hon. A. J. Colborn, chairman; Chas. H. Fisher, Secretary; Hon. Edward Scull, Hon. H. B. Barnes, Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Hon. Fred. Groff, Hon. William Endsley, Capt. W. H. Sanner, Hon. D. J. Horner, Samuel Philson, Esq., F. J. Kooser, Esq., H. F. Schell, William H. Welley, Esq., Mr. N. B. Penrod, Mr. J. M. Holderbaum.

The committee as above constituted was delegated to select an orator for this important occasion. By a unanimous vote Hon. William H. Koontz was selected as the orator, and a more acceptable selection could not have been made.

**FERNER BROTHERS,**



**THE LEADING Shoe-Store — OF — Somerset County.**

Main Cross St., Somerset.  
**For the Centennial AN ELEGANT DISPLAY**  
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**Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.**  
 Our Neckwear:  
 Dainty, Artistic, Irresistible.

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 Beautiful, soft, white grounds, scattered with happy combinations of colorings.

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 All the new shapes now here. Fashions don't cost extra, price is like plain ones. Latest shapes in STAND-UP and LAY-DOWN COLLARS.

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Two squares from Somerset House, Free Bus to all trains. Electric Light and Modern Conveniences. Fine Parlor, Billiard Room, Best MEALS IN TOWN. Best of stable room.  
 Hotel newly painted and improved. Large Study Lawn.  
 A most desirable resort for Summer Boarders and Transient Guests. Kind and courteous treatment to all. Try the WEST-END-HOTEL; it will please you.  
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Represents Phoenix of London and Phoenix of Hartford, North America, Home, German American, South British and Mercantile, Continental, Niagara and Travelers of Hartford.  
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CORNER PATRIOT AND MAIN CROSS STS. Largest Stock of Fine Millinery in the City.  
 A Fine Line of Hats, Ribbons, Flowers, Laces, Embroidery, Jewelry, Gloves, Embroidery Silks, Velvets, etc.  
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 DEALERS IN LARD, PROVISIONS, etc.  
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Don't trifle with this precious gift by not heeding the dictates of nature, so while in Somerset during the Centennial Celebration (or at any other time) go to Neff & Casebeer and have your eyes tested, free of charge by an expert optician, one that is permanently located and will guarantee all glasses sold for four years. We are also headquarters for everything usually kept in a first-class Jewelry Store.  
 Repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry a Specialty.

**Neff & Casebeer, Jewelers and Opticians,**  
 No. 418 Main Street, Somerset, Pa.

**AT THIS TIME.**  
 The Centennial Anniversary of Somerset County, you will find some Great Bargains in Dishes at the Store of

**ED. B. COFFROTH.**  
 Our Great Grandmothers never dreamed of the conveniences of a Nineteenth Century Grocery Store. We are offering very fine inducements for a liberal share of your patronage. Respectfully.

**ED. B. COFFROTH, E. L. SIMPSON, —DEALER IN—**

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Best place in Somerset to buy a good Farm Wagon, Buggy, Carriage or Vehicle of any kind. Call while attending the County Centennial.  
 Patriot St., - SOMERSET, PA.

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Mixing Drugs is a perilous business requiring a well stored mind, quick memory, keen eye and steady hand.  
**POUNDING - - AND - - COMPOUNDING**  
 Make up a large part of the Druggists' business. In our well equipped Pharmacy are only Pure Drugs, Standard Remedies, Best Perfumes and Toilet articles and a full line of Druggists' sundries.  
 Dr. J. M. Louther,  
 No. 435 : : MAIN STREET.

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In Eminent of Knipper Block, opposite Hotel Vanneer, is the best place in Somerset to get your barbering done. Call and be convinced.  
**S. C. HARTLEY, MEYERSDALE, PA. THE GREAT CASH**

**Dry Goods, Groceries, Carpet and Wall Paper STORE OF THE COUNTY.**  
**THOS. JONES, PAINTER AND PAPER HANGER,**  
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**ESTABLISHED 1880. Fisher's Book Store, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.**

Everybody who comes to Somerset visits this large, elegant and complete Book Store. It is the general resort of all classes of people. Here you can buy

Bibles, Albums, Games, Toys, Hymn Books, Gospel Hymns, Blank Books, Law Books, Justices' Blanks and Dockets, Pictures, Picture Frames and Mouldings, Fountain Pens, Envelopes, Letter, Legal and Fool's Cap Papers.

Judgment Notes, Receipt Books, Maps, School Books and Supplies, all kinds of

**FISHING GOODS,**

And in fact anything and everything usually found in a first-class, up-to-date Book, News and Stationery Store. For the

**Centennial Celebration**

A very large stock of Flags and Fireworks are for sale. During the three days of the celebration make this store your headquarters.

**Chas. H. Fisher.**

**MRS. A. E. UHL.**

We congratulate the good people of Somerset County on the Moral, Intellectual, Social and Material progress made during the first one hundred years of our separate existence as a county. It will be creditable to the present generation to meet at our County's Centennial and take a retrospect of the achievements of the past and contemplate the many advantages we now have to make our future progress much greater. When at the

**CENTENNIAL**

It will pay you to visit my large double store-room, comprising three stores, a complete

**Dry Goods, Millinery and Ladies' Furnishing Goods Stores.**

**MRS. A. E. UHL. HOTEL VANNEAR,**

Somerset, Pa., C. S. Vannear, Prop.

This Mammoth 4-story Brick Structure is conceded to be the finest HOTEL in Western Pennsylvania outside of the large cities. It has been erected at enormous cost and lacks nothing to make it a metropolitan HOTEL of the first-class. Electric Light and Modern Conveniences

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**The "Equator" Fruit and Vegetable Evaporator!**

**THE CHEAPEST AND BEST EVAPORATOR ON EARTH FOR FAMILY USE.**

**FRANK W. HAY & SONS,**  
 No. 2 and 3 Franklin St., JOHNSTOWN, PA.

**IT WILL BE A BIG FEATHER!**

**The Centennial Celebration.**

When it is over, and you have settled down to common everyday life, consider well the advantages offered you in the Drug and Medicine line by Carr, C. Campbell, of Johnstown. If you want Drugs, go to him. If you want Horse and Cattle Powders, go to him. If you want Brushes, Combs, Toilet Soaps or Perfumes, go to him. If you want a Family Receipt Book, go to him. In fact, go to him when in Johnstown for anything you need in his line. He will treat you as if his prices are right, and his goods can be depended on. HIS NUMBER IS 532 MAIN STREET.