

COUNCILMEN ESTABLISH NEW RECORD

REGULAR SESSION HELD LAST TUESDAY EVENING INSTEAD OF THURSDAY.

Considerable Business Transacted in 60 Minutes—Adopt Ordinance to Vacate Portion of Lower Main Street.

With the mercury hovering around the 100 degree mark the members of the borough council did away with all ceremony by removing their coats and transacting the business of the July meeting last Tuesday evening in just one hour, making a record for the regular session.

All members were present and answered to roll call. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved, after which Treasurer G. W. Penwarden made the following report of the standing of the accounts of the town:

Table with financial data: In the treasury at last meeting \$1,035.47, Received since June meeting 1.00, Joseph Soete, work done by Street Commissioner 3.75, Total \$1,040.22, Paid out during month 967.92, Balance \$132.30.

Treasurer Penwarden then presented a statement from the State for tax on borrowed money as follows: On \$11,500 for one year \$46.20, On \$5,500 for five months 9.83, Less Treasurer's commission 2.80.

The matter of increased insurance on the equipment of Hose Company No. 1 was reported by the special committee appointed to make inventory. Inventory showed equipment to the value of \$41,456.60. The council accepted the committee's report and will increase the insurance from \$800 to \$1,000.

An application was made to the council at the June meeting to vacate a portion of lower Main street, in fact that part in front of what is known as the Ruppert property.

The matter was referred to Town Solicitor W. H. Lee and according to said request an ordinance was drafted by him and read at the meeting Tuesday evening. Upon vote of the council it was unanimously adopted and same ordered to be printed in the local papers.

Solicitor W. H. Lee stated that it will be necessary for the council to provide for the election expenses to the amount of \$25.

Complaint was made regarding the broken condition of the terra cotta pipes in the path of Riverside park. The street committee was instructed to confer with the street commissioner and have same replaced with an iron pipe.

The matter of filing the bond of the Wayne Street Railway company before any work was commenced by said company was discussed. President Caulfield stated that representatives of the company stated to him that it would be a matter of only a few days before the bonds would be filed.

Section Tenth: That the said Wayne County Railway Company shall begin the exercise of the franchises and privileges hereby granted within three months from the passage of this ordinance, and shall have its railway fully equipped and conveying passengers, baggage, freight and mails within twelve months, and continuously thereafter.

Other matters pertaining to the road were also discussed which resulted in reading Section 15 of the ordinance, which says:

Section Fifteenth: That the said Wayne County Railway Company, through its proper officers, fully authorized to act, shall, before any right or privilege hereby granted shall become operative or be enjoyed by the said Railway Company, 'a' Signify in writing its acceptance of the several regulations, stipulations, and restrictions of this ordinance within thirty (30) days from notice, 'b' Execute and deliver to the said Town Council corporate bond in the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, conditioned to save the borough of Honesdale harmless from any and all action at law or otherwise founded upon the removal of the rails and ties now in Main and Park streets, and to cover the provisions of Section Seventh of this ordinance. 'c' Execute and deliver to the said Town Council a corporate bond in the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars conditioned that in the event of the paving of any of the streets and highways herein mentioned, that the said Railway Company will faithfully comply with the stipulations herein contained in reference to the paving of the road bed and two feet on both sides of the outside of any and all rails in their said railway.

In case of any one of these conditions, the within ordinance shall become of no effect, shall be utterly null and void, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

The payment of the bills were next in order and on motion were ordered paid. Bills amounting to \$914.34 were ordered paid with only \$132.30 in the treasury to pay them with. On motion it was carried that the council borrow \$500 from the Honesdale National Bank and a like amount from the Farmers and Mechanics Bank.

On motion the council adjourned at 9 o'clock to meet again at the call of the chair. If the paving election is carried it will be necessary to take immediate action upon the matter and notify the State Highway department at once, so work can be started as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONERS MET TUESDAY.

J. W. Lee, of Preston, Appointed Assessor— Bubbling Fountain Will be Put in Court House.

The Wayne county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting in their office in the court house on Tuesday afternoon. Those present were John Male, Earl Rockwell and Neville Holgate. This meeting of the commissioners was a very light one and no business of importance came before them for disposal.

J. W. Lee, of Preston, was appointed assessor for that township to take the place of John T. Brooking who has removed from that township.

The commissioners decided to let the contract at once for putting in a bubbling drinking fountain in the main corridor of the court house, down stairs and to repair parts of the building in need of repairs.

MADE ARCHITECT-IN-CHIEF OF EXPOSITION BUILDINGS.

C. E. Decker, Son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Decker, of Honesdale Gets Promotion.

George W. Decker, manager of the Grand Union Tea company of this place, received good news in a letter from his son, Clarence E. Decker, on Wednesday, which stated that he had been promoted to architect-in-chief of the Panama Exposition buildings. The new position commands an excellent salary. The many Honesdale friends of Mr. Decker will be elated to learn of his earned promotion and offer congratulations.

FORMER HONESDALE MAN DEAD.

John C. Ridgeway, aged 38 years, of Scranton, formerly of Honesdale, was electrocuted at Sayre last Friday by coming in contact with a high tension wire while riding a "cable carriage." He had been in the employ of the Bell Telephone company and was sent to Sayre to repair some wires that had been damaged by the storm. A number of people witnessed the electrocution but when they reached him he was dead. Mr. Ridgeway was born in Honesdale and was a son of the late Richard Ridgeway. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mary and Clarence. His mother, Mrs. J. E. Ridgeway, one brother William, and two sisters, Mrs. C. E. Bull and Mrs. J. E. Rich also survive.

DELIGHTFUL BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nonnenmacher at White Mills was the scene of an enjoyable occasion on Sunday last. The affair was to celebrate the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Katherine. A most delightful time was had. Refreshments were served. Among those present were: John Smith, Mary Vogel, Elizabeth New, Mary Latourneau, Clara Latourneau, Loretta Weinberger, Florence Ruppert, Augustine Ruppert, Charles Haggerly, Elizabeth Kries, Margaret Kries, Mary Stenger, Bertha Schmitt, Anna Brink, John Ororuke, Helen Sonner, Elizabeth Aug, Ethel Kelch, Helen Hiller, Freda Hiller, Sophia Gulheil, William Brown, Mr. Kessler, Josephine Everling, Stella Goodline, Clara Goodline, Mildred Goodline, Mrs. V. Meszler, Edward Meszler, Fred Smith, Bena Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fondy, Emella Hessler, Fred Gregory, Richard Gregory, Verna Gregory, Willie Wiest, Molly Wiest, Edna Weist, John Lee, Edward Lee, Richard Lee, Mrs. R. Ham, Jesse Ham, Lawrence Ham, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Marshall, Alberta Marshall, Thomas Marshall, Neal Marshall, Mrs. N. Houth, Joseph Houth, Andrew Houth, Lawrence Bassney, Henry Bassney, Marie Bassney, Henry Smith, Georgie Smith, Fred Smith, Anna Smith, Ferdinand Nonnenmacher, Frank Nonnenmacher, Julius Nonnenmacher and Loretta Nonnenmacher.

DEATH FOLLOWS HOT WAVE.

New York, July 3.—Five deaths and over fifty prostrations were officially recorded in and near Greater New York Wednesday. In addition every hospital here treated emergency patients whose cases were not reported to the police. It is estimated that the total of those overcome numbered more than 200.

Harrisburg, July 3.—Four deaths occurred in Harrisburg Wednesday from the heat, three of the victims being persons who were prostrated. Over a score of cases of prostration were reported during the day from various parts of the city and Steelton, most of them in the afternoon.

The deaths were those of David H. Brubaker, Mrs. Susan A. Stahl, Mrs. Katherine K. Taylor and Jas. B. Robinson, all of whom were over fifty-five.

AINCY AGAIN APPOINTED AS PEACE ENVOY.

Hon. Wm. D. B. Aincy, congressman representing the 14th district of Pennsylvania, who attended the Peace Conference at Geneva, Switzerland last year as a representative of the American Group, has again been honored by an appointment as a delegate to the Conference of the Interparliamentary Union (Universal Peace) which will meet at The Hague September 3, 4 and 5 next.

Mr. Aincy has also been selected as a member of a special committee to frame propositions to be submitted to the conference in behalf of the American Group.

KUPFER—CONNOLLY.

—August Kupfer and Sarah Connolly were married in St. Anthony of Padua church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday, June 30th. The witnesses were Emil Kupfer and Mary Kupfer. The bride was formerly of Honesdale and is a sister of Mrs. Ambrose Whalen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis J. Dillon.

WHAT SOME HONESDALE PEOPLE THINK OF PAVING PROJECT

For the purpose of enlightening the people of Honesdale on the paving project The Citizen has printed several articles concerning same. To get the people's idea or opinion this paper has taken pains to secure short interviews from a number of the prominent citizens of Honesdale upon the subject. Other opinions will be reproduced in other issues of The Citizen next week. The following questions were submitted: "Are you in favor of immediate paving of Honesdale's streets? How would it specially benefit Honesdale as a town?"

PERRY A. CLARK says: In favor of pavement.

WM. H. LEE—Yes. Assist in getting on the map.

J. B. NIELSEN—I believe a paved Main street will be a benefit to Honesdale and I am highly in favor of brick pavement.

O. M. SPETTIGUE—I have been in business in Honesdale for 43 years and in that time there has been money enough paid out on our streets to pave nearly all our streets and to-day our streets are a disgrace to our beautiful town. I am certainly in favor of pave.

L. A. HOWELL, Cashier, says: The immediate paving of all the streets in Honesdale would probably be too much of a burden at the present time, but a start should be made, and Main street paved by all means. A town is judged largely by three factors, churches, schools and streets, and while we are extremely fortunate in having fine churches and schools, there is room for the improvements of our highways.

A. W. ABRAMS says: Yes, most emphatically. We need it the worst way for the good of everybody.

ROBERT A. FERBER says: If Honesdale had been paved fifty years ago it would be ten times as large as it is to-day.

H. SCHWEMLEY—Yes. In every way.

WM. J. FERBER says: It will not be a city until they pave Main street.

P. R. MURRAY says: Being an ex-member of the street committee of the Town Council I realize that a brick pavement is the only practical solution of our street problem. It appears to be either a case of mud and expense or pave and expense, and I will surely vote for pave.

EMANUEL FREEMAN says: Yes. It would take us out of ancient history and put us on a par with other progressive towns and cities.

M. J. HANLAN says: I am in favor of the immediate paving of Honesdale's streets. Honesdale is noted for its beauty, but of late its streets have been the object of considerable unfavorable criticism. Main street is certainly in very poor condition and the prospect is that it will remain so until paved. I believe that from an economic standpoint it is advisable to pave Main street. Hundreds of dollars have been spent on that thoroughfare without any noticeable improvement. When the streets are paved the expense of keeping them in good condition will not be great.

MURRAY CO. says: We believe a brick pavement will help to make Honesdale a better town to live and do business in and we are in favor of anything that means a bigger and better town.

W. B. HOLMES says: Pave, if the Street Railroad carry out their plans to build the road and do their part in paving. Not "immediate."

W. B. LESHAR says: I am in favor of the immediate paving of Main street and I intend to vote for it at the election next week. It is a movement well worth the support of every property owner in Honesdale. There has been too much expense connected with keeping up a "mud" road. Let's have pave!

J. D. WESTON—Yes. In every way.

F. H. CRAGO says: I am going to vote for pave this time. I voted against it before but I am tired of "mud" for our principle street. It's a disgrace to the town. If the taxes are raised, thereby, I am willing to pay the increase.

WM. T. MOORE says: I am in favor of paving Main street and think property owners should pay one-third of cost. I consider our town far behind some other places in that respect. Honesdale is one of the most beautiful places in the State.

HOMER GREENE says: As a taxpayer in the borough I think the time has come to pave Main and West Park streets. The benefit to Honesdale is too obvious to need discussion.

J. A. BROWN says: It seems to us if it is done in the right way, it will be a good thing, when sewerage and piping are in good order for its continuation in unbroken work.

O. T. CHAMBERS—In favor of paving.

ALBERT L. WHITTAKER says: Paving the principal streets of Honesdale would improve it in practically the same way that a good concrete walk improves the appearance of a house. But it not simply contributes to the beauty of the building and its grounds; it adds to the ease and convenience of life. No mud is tracked in and shoes retain their polish. The visitor does not lose his good humor, nor the house-keeper her patience. Main street in mud is like a house whose lawn and approaching walk are unkempt. It is not the kind of an index for one of the best towns in America to present to enquiring strangers.

T. M. FULLER—Yes. In every way.

B. M. STOCKER says: It might be a good thing to pave Main street from the bridge to Fourth street. I am not in favor of paving Upper Main street. I prefer a good macadam road for that portion of the street. Why should the town be bonded for forty or fifty thousand dollars if the abutting property owners are to pay for the paving?

F. C. SCHOELL says: I am in favor of pavement.

F. P. KIMBLE says: I have been in favor of paving for several years. Paving should have been done ten years ago. Honesdale gets its relative standing from its progressive improvements, and as a town, we can not afford to lag behind. Indeed, as a matter of street economy, it will pay Honesdale to vote for paving. The time is here, the conditions are favorable, state aid is ready, and to stand still is to go backward.

J. O'TOOLE says: Very decidedly. Commercially and civically. And by all means count me among those who want the pave at once.

CHAS. A. McCARTY says: I am in favor of immediate paving of Main street. It would benefit Honesdale by making property more valuable in the town besides the convenience it will be to the people of the town and all people coming here on business.

M. B. ALLEN says: Emphatically yes. The Wayne Street Railway Company will do its share. Now is the time to accept the proposition on account of the help the town will receive from the State and the trolley line.

A. EBERHARDT says: I am in favor of paving Main street.

HERMAN MYERS says: Yes.

CHAS. E. DODGE says: Yes; and I believe the whole town will be benefited. The whole town should bear the expense. Issue long time bonds, and thus make the burden as light as possible for everybody. Because a person happens to own property on a street that is to be paved, is no reason why they should pay more than a just tax on the increased value of such property.

G. W. DECKER says: I am in favor of immediate pave, which means a gain to Honesdale from a sanitary point of view. Delay means a loss in new industries. Not to pave means a step backward.

F. G. TERWILLIGER says: I am in favor of paving as I think it will be a benefit to the town.

—SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PAVE JULY 11.

J. H. SMITH PURCHASES BETZ BUILDING.

A deal was consummated on Tuesday, July 1st, when J. H. Smith, the down town shoe dealer, purchased the large three-story brick building owned by Charles M. Betz. Consideration private. The building is 25x65 feet, three stories high and located in one of the best business blocks in Honesdale. Possession given at once. Mr. Smith will remove his family from Ridge street to the second floor of the building. He will rent the third floor and next spring will remove his large and extensive shoe stock from the Dittrich building, his present location, to his newly purchased store.

Owing to the rapid increase of his business, Mr. Smith was compelled to seek larger quarters, which resulted in acquiring the Betz building. Mr. Smith has been a shoe dealer in Honesdale for 15 years. By straight dealing he won the confidence of the public and now enjoys a large patronage. In 1898 Mr. Smith embarked in the shoe business in the Clark building at the corner of Main and Fifth streets. He remained there for one year and then removed his stock to the Coyne Hotel, where he stayed for ten years. At the expiration of that time he again changed his location, moving for the second time into the Dittrich store, where he has remained four years.

Mr. Betz, by special arrangement with Mr. Smith will remain in the store until March 15. Agreement has been made with the new purchaser whereby he will take the entire stock of trunks, bags, dress suit cases and other leather articles except the harness department. Mr. Betz has been in business in Honesdale for 34 years in the same building, which is something very few other merchants can say. He is undecided as to what he will do after closing out his business next spring.

BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.

The committee in charge of the picnic of the Business Men's Association are working hard to make the annual picnic of that association a rousing success. Three special trains have been engaged for the occasion, two going from Honesdale and one from Carbondale. The Honesdale specials will leave at 9:15 a. m. and 1:15 p. m., while the Carbondale special will leave that city at 1:15 p. m. Good connections have been made for both Erie and Delaware and Hudson trains, thus making it convenient for people living at White Mills and Hawley to take advantage of the picnic. Excursionists arriving in Honesdale on the early Erie train from these places can make connections with the 9:15 special leaving Honesdale for the lake; returning they can leave the lake at 5:15, thus enabling them to make connections for the 6 o'clock train.

There will be varied attractions to afford amusement on the grounds. Jenkins' Boy Band will accompany the picnic. See bills for other announcements.

BENTZ—WILMORE.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Bentz and Mr. Clark Wilmore, both of Honesdale took place in St. Mary Magdalen's church on Wednesday at high noon. Dr. J. W. Balta performed the ceremony.

The couple were attended by Miss Anna Seitz and Mr. Frank Herzog. The ushers were Messrs. J. Bishop and Clarence Rose.

After the ceremony the guests repaired to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bentz where a sumptuous wedding feast was served. The couple left that afternoon for a week's trip to Washington, D. C., and other eastern points.

At the coming election which will be held this fall, the terms of office for two school directors and councilmen expire.

In the Jones accident recorded in our last issue, we were misinformed as to the ownership of the horse. It was the property of Ray Jones and not M. Lee Braman as stated.

Among the pictures of the graduates of the Scranton-Lackawanna Business College published in Wednesday's Scranton Times, was that of Miss Martha A. Voigt, formerly of this place.

There will be a special meeting of the school directors next week at which time a teacher will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Grace Jadwin of the Fifth grade.

Rev. George Winters, a Baptist minister, well known in Wyoming, Abington and Wayne associations, died on June 25th, aged 74 years. The funeral was held last Sunday. He is survived by nine children.

SHALL MOVIES BE UPLIFTED?

Question That is to Come Before the Convention in July.

Whether the "eternal triangle" and plays that treat of divorce shall be retained or thrown out by the producers of moving picture films may cause some dissension at the third annual convention of the Motion Picture Exhibitors League of America in the Grand Central Palace beginning on July 7. One faction wants the pictures thrown out entirely and the other holds that the pictures teach a lesson.

"The newspaper is the 'fourth estate,'" said Frank A. Tichenor, chairman of the executive committee, "but the moving pictures have become the 'fifth estate.'" The daily attendance at moving picture shows in the United States now averages 10,000,000, and that means that a message may be brought home quicker than by any other means. Gov. Sulzer, District Attorney Whitman and Gov. Cox of Ohio have been invited to attend the convention and make addresses.

—SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PAVE JULY 11.

COMMUNION FOR C. T. A. S. AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

MISS ELIZABETH CAUFIELD AT ORGAN; F. DUPPIUS PLAYED CELLO IN MUSICAL PROGRAM

Misses Catherine and Mary Finnerty Sang Duet Selection—Father John O'Toole Preached a Special Sermon to Society.

The annual communion of the members of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of St. John's Catholic church took place last Sunday morning at the 8:30 mass.

The musical program was very classical and very much pleased the unusually large congregation present. Miss Elizabeth Caulfield presided at the organ, while Mr. Frank Duppius played the cello, with the Misses Catherine and Mary Finnerty singing two soprano-alto duet selections.

Father O'Toole preached a specially prepared sermon on the subject, "Total Abstinence from all Alcoholic Drinks is the Surest and Most Efficacious Means to Fight Alcoholism." In part he said: "There can be no doubt but that God will require of every man an account of his life. The merit or demerit of his acts go to make up that account, and settle his everlasting destiny in the next world.

"Death will close man's account when the Supreme Judge will say, 'Render an account of thy stewardship, for thou canst be steward no longer.' The balance will then be struck, the sentence will be passed—salvation or damnation. The sentenced soul will then fully realize that after all there is a right and a wrong in human actions." The speaker gave the example of a young man setting out for a Keeley Institute to be cured of what he calls one of the worst diseases known to the human race—habitual drunkenness, saying to his mother as she bids him a loving goodbye, "I'm going to make a man of myself!"

"Make a man of himself! God had done that when he created him—God made man a little lower than the angels; man made himself, by being a drunkard, lower than the beasts. A drunkard is the lowest form of creation.

"Medical men of to-day agree that alcohol is no help to health; that as a beverage, it weakens rather than strengthens; that stimulation is temporary; that reaction must come, and that reaction only too often ends in death in delirium tremens, during which the unfortunate man is tormented by all the snakes and devils of hell."

Archbishop Ireland once said: "How often has the flush of indignation mantled my cheek as I heard men, who made profession of loving virtue and of leading their fellows to virtue, discountenance in their speeches or sermons the practice of total abstinence, which is for so many the sole plank of salvation! Oh, for the charity of St. Paul, who exclaimed that he would eat no meat and drink no wine when there is danger of scandalizing a brother! Oh, for the charity of Cardinal Manning, who declared that he needed the pledge, because his poor friend, the London dock laborer, needed it. And Manning was loyal to the last day of his life to charity and total abstinence."

The speaker paid a glowing tribute to President Wilson and his wife, vice-president Marshall and his wife, Secretary of State Bryan and his wife, and Speaker of the House Clark and his wife, all publicly announcing to the world that they would not serve wines or liquors at any dinners or entertainments during their official life in Washington. And in the strongest emphasis as a fitting climax, the priest exclaimed: "I challenge the world to put its finger on the map of creation and show us a better example than this one at Washington! In May last the Boy Scouts of Washington called in a body on Mr. Bryan to present to him resolutions adopted by them commending the stand taken by him against 'King Alcohol and his hosts' in refusing to serve wine at his dinners to ambassadors. Mr. Bryan said to the boys on that occasion: 'I learned when I was a boy to be a total abstainer, and I have found that there is no use for alcohol after one ceases to be a boy, and I hope you will see no reason after you are grown for changing your habits of life on this subject.'

"I shall feel that I have not lived entirely in vain if by abstaining from intoxicating liquors and beverages I have given any strength to any one and helped him to resist temptation.

"If I have been the means of helping just one boy I do not know how much service I have rendered to the world through him, for we can never tell what a boy can do. The possibilities of a boy are beyond the power of language to describe—especially an American boy."

At the evening services Father O'Toole had the Cadets renew their pledge, and, by way of setting them a good example, appealed to all the men present to take the pledge, granting to each adult the privilege of stating menally for how long he pledged himself.

Judging by the large number of men who stood up and repeated after the priest the words of the pledge, an astonishingly large number freely gave their moral support and good example to the Cadets and their cause of St. John's church.

INVITES OPINION OF THE PUBLIC.

The Citizen invites the opinion of the public upon the paving project. Send your expression bearing your signature to this paper and it will be published in the forthcoming issues. The Citizen wants to know how you feel concerning this paramount issue.

Advertisement for 'INDEPENDENCE' watches. Features a portrait of George Washington and text: 'REPORTS SAY THAT THE "/>