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Taking part will be Jane Banks, Jack Barnes, Lois Brown, Joyce Comito, Carol Dungey, Cindy Gross, Judy Gross, Ardis Hinson, Alan Hersh, Philip Hersh, Patsy Ide, David Larmouth, Sara Malkemes, Mommy Miller, Della Schulz, Marian Stevens, Gwen Weaver, Peter Weaver, and Betsy Welker.

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THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio



"By the way, Harold, my brother Eric is visiting us tomorrow, and he'll stay a week or two!"

Site Of Baron Stiegel's Grave Unmarked, Unknown

Mystery still surrounds the location of the grave of Baron Harry W. Stiegel, Revolutionary War veteran and famed glassmaker.

One account is that the Pennsylvania cultural pioneer's body was buried in the front yard of the small house in which he resided on the Ege estate at Boiling Springs, Cumberland County. However, a careful examination failed to uncover the grave.

Another account is that he was buried at Charming Forge, Berks county, but again no trace of the grave there was ever found and it is considered doubtful he would be buried at the site of his former forge, having been dispossessed of it long before his death.

The third account is that he was buried in what is now the Dauphin County Home cemetery near Paxton Creek.

It is generally believed that Stiegel died on the last day in February, 1785, but some people contend he lived in Dauphin County near Harrisburg for the last five years of his life and died about 1790.

Be that as it may, the last recorded appearance of Stiegel was at a New Year's Eve celebration December 31, 1784, at Brickerville.

There is a huge stone and log, weather-boarded farmhouse of the Bagenstose family near the west end of Brickerville, Lancaster county, whose present tenants proudly claim is the site of Stiegel's last New Year's Eve celebration.

Stiegel, who was wealthy before he enlisted in the Revolutionary War, is reputed to have lost all of his possessions to his tent-mate and brother-in-law, Robert Coleman, in their numerous card games during the war.

Coleman was very wealthy and after the war he provided employment for Stiegel and is reputed to have given him an annuity in the declining years of his life and to have provided a home for him.

In 1784 Stiegel was engaged in the dual capacity of auditor of Coleman's books and school teacher in the small schoolhouse opposite old St. James Lutheran Church in Brickerville.

Robert Patterson, a member of Stiegel's company in the Revolutionary War, has left the following account of that New Year's Eve celebration:

There was an ancient custom on New Year's Eve. Young ladies entered the room a few minutes before midnight bearing a great bowl of spiced-ale which was drunk in toasts until the church bells chimed the hour of midnight.

Some people contend that Stiegel left the celebration about 4 a.m. on New Year's Day and started the journey to his home at Boiling Springs, dying two months later. Patterson, however, wrote that Stiegel did not go to Boiling Springs but set out for Berks County by way of Harrisburg, getting only as far as Harrisburg and remaining there for five years until his death.

When Stiegel left the party he was accompanied by his practical nurse. That is as far as history records his last days. No record has been uncovered to disclose their destination, the exact date of death nor the final resting place for this Baltic nobleman, who had been educated in Holland, served in the armies of Lithuania, Sardinia and the Netherlands as well as Washington's Army in the Revolution.

He was a cultured gentleman and his art will be remembered so long as Pennsylvania culture lasts.

Harvey's Lake

Fred Merrill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrill, Sr., returned home from Mercy Hospital on Monday after submitting to an appendectomy.

Russell Sheffer has been confined to his home for several days with a virus infection.

Morrison Witter has returned from General Hospital where he submitted to several tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garinger and Arnold were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Worth.

Mrs. Howard Higgins entertained the members of her Sunday School class at an all-day meeting on Tuesday. These ladies are sewing and preparing for a bazaar in the spring.

Mrs. Harry Allen is teacher.

The Commission on Education of the Alderson Methodist Sunday School will meet for a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. Harry Allen, on Monday evening January 19th. All teachers and officers are urged to attend.

Mrs. Ross Garinger of Tampa, Florida is visiting her sister, Mrs. Russell Hoover and brother, Forrest Sorber and family.

Shavertown Company

The monthly meeting of the Shavertown Fire Company was held Monday evening in the Shavertown Fire Hall with Bob Voelker, vice-president presiding.


Those present were: Joseph Monko, Howard Woolbert, Rev. Russell Edmondson, Ted Poad, Edward Carey, Al Austin, George Bednar, Fred Malkemes, Louis Cottle, Robert Voelker, J. Martin Porter, Jack Jones, Johnny Chapple, Tommy Morgan, Merton Coolbaugh, Ralph Gerheart and Dan Shaver.

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Lehman-Jackson Wrestles YMCA

Squad Of Ten Mixes It In Novice Group

Ten Lehman-Jackson boys entered competition in the Novice Wrestling at Wilkes-Barre Central YMCA January 7, 8, and 10, meeting wrestlers from High Schools where this activity has been a feature for years instead of one month. Gerald Spencer, making Saturday's finale, won the second place trophy in his class, 133 pounds.

Larry Kropp, Ray Everts, Gerald Spencer, and Jim Barrall were in Thursday night's semi-finals. Teddy and Tony Toluba, Tom Coburn, Anthony Garbush, Philip Cummings, and Jack Kern, met their matches on Wednesday.

Wrestling, under instruction of Larry Drabick and supervision and advice from Lester Squier, supervising principal, himself a wrestler from Mansfield College days, has been under way for a month.

Six of the squad demonstrated before appreciative members of the PTA at Monday night's meeting. Teddy Toluba and Kenneth Covert, mosquito-weights; Anthony Garbush and Philip Cummings; and Gerald Spencer and Ray Everts, showed holds and falls. Parents, especially mothers who had been dubious about wrestling as a sport, were reassured, and enjoyed the exhibition.

J. C. Valentine Assistant D. A.

To Assume Office February 1, 1953

Attorney Jonathan Valentine, Sutton Road, Trucksville, has been appointed assistant District Attorney by Louis G. Feldman, succeeding Atty. Joseph Saporito. He will take office February 1.

Valentine is the third member of his family to serve in the prosecutor's office. Judge W. A. Valentine, his father, serving as District Attorney 1911-1912, and his brother, William A. assistant under Leon Schwartz.

A former assistant county solicitor, he served for three and one-half years on the FBI. He is a graduate of Lafayette and of Dickinson Law School.

Beaumont

The regular monthly meeting of the PTA was held at the high school Monday, January 12 with Mr. Donald Jones, Sr. presiding.

The treasurer's report showed \$64.20 as profit realized from the Parents and Teachers vs the High School basketball game.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Edwin Kehrl was guest speaker and answered questions concerning "Consolidation." Mr. Kehrl pointed to the fact that higher subsidies were paid to districts forming jointures, pupils were afforded greater opportunities to select courses to fit their aptitudes, and more than half the schools in Pennsylvania have formed jointures. Groups of four raised questions and the following facts were revealed: The cost to Monroe Township would be approximately 20% of the total cost of any building to house our existing units, that Monroe Township is one of four districts in this county not belonging to a jointure, that to belong to a jointure would cost the taxpayers more money for the added services given, and that only one bordering district had enough units to meet the present state standards requiring forty teaching units of pupils.

Before adjournment tentative plans were laid for an "Amateur Night" as a means to further enrich the treasury. The committee chairman elected was Mrs. Wm. "Arch" Austin who chose Mrs. Franklin Clark and Miss Louise Ohlman to be assistants.

Parents of Mrs. Louise Nieman's home room served a tasty lunch.

The high school teams certainly got off to a good start in the Susquehanna-Wyoming League with the Beaumont girls' and boys' team talking the games from Meshoppen and the boys' team getting a 42-28 win from Tunkhannock. The game this Friday, will be a most interesting one with Laceyville coming here to defend their league honors.

The Downs family have had a very busy week. First Captain and Mrs. Robert Shaw (Rachel Downs) returned from a four year's stay with the U.S. Army in Germany. Then Friday, Mrs. Donald Jones was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party at the Downs home-stead. Add to that the stork's visit, a girl, Susan Ellen, for the Herbert Downs family on Sunday, January 11, at the General Hospital.

Any-one desiring to see the Presidential Inauguration may join with the schools Tuesday, January 20. For the past few months TV reception at the school has been excellent.

Kenneth Denmon, who is stationed with the U.S. Navy at Long Beach, Calif., will return to his base via airplane Wednesday, January 14.


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