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MEMORIAL DAY

The services of Memorial Day this year were more-than-usually solemn and impressive. Having been postponed from the regular day, May 30th, to Sunday June 1st, some persons were afraid they would not be well attended, but the attendance far exceeded any similar occasion and the sacredness of the day only added to the solemnity of the memorial service, because there were no side attractions, such as base ball, festivals and dances to draw the attention of the people away from the true significance of the day, the memorial of our heroic dead. The men who saved the Union and their descendants who have given their lives in defense of the great principals of freedom to all people for which this great country of ours has always stood. The armory was filled with an attentive crowd of people who joined heartily in the singing and gave close attention to the splendid patriotic address of the orator of the day, Rev. Paul D. Yoder, Pastor of Baust Reformed Church. A large choir representing the different Churches under the leadership of Mrs. H. M. Kimmey, led the singing by the audience and rendered most effectively, Kipling's beautiful Recessional, "Lest we forget". The soloist, Mr. Smith Billingslea touched the hearts of all by his singing, his fine voice never being heard to better advantage then in the touching, beautiful lines of this memorial hymn. Special praise is due Mr. Wilton L. Somers, of Crisfield, Md., astudent at Western Md. College, for the splendid manner in which he delivered that masterpiece of Lincoln's his Gettysburg address. Miss Dorothy Elderdice recited in her usual attractive manner, a beautiful poem, "You, all if you won the war", which was heartily applauded and was especially appropriate because of the presence in the audience of several of "our boys" who had just returned from service in the great world war. Seventeen chairs draped in black occupied the entire front of the stage, nine of them labeled, "Boys of 1861", and eight of them "Boys of 1917", and bearing the following names of those who had died during the year, Wm. E. Brown, Co. A. 6th Md.; Levi Bankard, Co. F, 7th Md.; Wm. Beaver, 1st P. H. B.; David W. Burns, Co. G, 1st P. H. B.; Thomas N. Buckingham, 1st P. H. B.; George G. Crass, Co. A. 97th Pa.; David H. Frock, Co. G. 6th Md.; Edward Hesson, Co. A, 6th, Md.; Wm. T. Welling, Co. A. 6th Md.; veterans of the Civil War and Jerome L. Day, Harry J. Myers, John Raymond Marsh, Kenneth Long, John C. Yingling all killed in action or died of wounds in France and E. Frank Tracey, Frank Monroe Mille.. and Clarence C. Yingling died in Camp Hospital.

The program opened with singing "Star Spangled Banner", and prayer by Rev. Thos. E. McGuigan, Pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, the entire audience joining in reciting the Lord's Prayer at the close. Mrs. S. K. Herr then introduced Gen. John R. King, of Baltimore in a few appropriate words, speaking of his kindness in coming on several occasions to assist in our services and the interest he has always shown in them. Gen. King was member of Co. H, 6th Md. Regiment, during the Civil War and was for many years U. S. Pension Agent at Washington and has endeared himself to the old veterans and to their widows by his universal kindness. He was also Commander in Chief of the G. A. R. Gen. King took charge of the program and conducted the G. A. R service at the cemetery.

The chairs were crowned with flowers by Boy Scouts who stood at attention back of the chairs while Mrs. Edward Little sang very sweetly, "Beneath the flag they are sleeping", and the drum was rolledby U. S. A. Brown, and taps sounded by Bugler Earl Brown. The chairs were crowned by the following Scouts, Harry Miller, Billy Ditman, Robert Brown, Lester Minkey, Clarence Corbin, Hume Crawford, Carroll Crawford, Clarence Bish, Terry Crawford, led by Scout Master Frederick W. Fuller. The program closed with prayer by Rev. Arthur C Day, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church and singing "America". The service at the cemetery took place before the meeting at the armory. The march was to have been led by the Boy Scouts Band, but on account of Prof. Peltz not feeling well enough, the boys were without a leader, but the stirring music of the drum corps U. S. G. Brown, leader with the veteran fifer Mr. J. F. Morrow and Messrs. Earl G. Brown, Harry Minkey, David C. Yingling and Harry Sullivan of Finksburg, marched well, preceded by our faithful officers, Helm and Stem. The long long line of the children led the shortening lines of the blue under the leadership of Miss Mary B. Shellman. Nearly 200 children carrying flags and flowers led the way to the cemetery followed by the students of the Western Md. College, under the command of Capt. Richmond, who acted as escort to the Post. Only nine survivors of the original 236 members were able to make the march. The Post Flag was carried by Veteran John R. Fossett with A. R. Rainey, Jr. and Courtney E. Beaver of the 112th M. G. B. just returned from France acting as Color guard. The large American Flag was carried by Musician Carroll Crawford who has just received his discharge from the U. S. Navy. Two others of the returned soldiers, Labin O. Baker, and John G. Dayley marched with the Post, also W. E. Matthews of Sellersville, Pa. who has attended every service for 27 years and our old colored veteran Simon P. Murdock, with the bullet wound in his head received during the Civil War. At the cemetery the ritual of the Co. A. R. was read by Gen. King Little Miss Florence Martin recited "Memorial Day" and a double quartette from Western Md. College sang "Nearer my God to Thee" and Taps were sounded by bugler Earl Brown after which under the direction of Mr. Theo. Mitten care taker of the Cemetery the children placed the flags and flowers on every soldier's grave. Thanks are specially due, to officers Helm and Stem to Capt. John N. Weigle, for the use of the Armory, Times Printing Co. and the Democratic Advocate for printing the songs and the names used on the chairs, to the drum Corps and the Students of Western Md. College, to the children who formed such a beautiful part of the celebration, the choir and all who helped in the splendid program and especially to the vast crowd of people who remembering the deep significance of the day, made it what it will always be remembered a beautiful Memorial Day.

W. M. COLLEGE STUDENT DROWNED

Emerson C. Speicher, about 17 years old, a student at Western Maryland College, Westminster, was drowned Sunday afternoon in Roop's mill dam, one and a half miles west of Westminster, while swimming with other boys. Earlier in the day the boy with other students, took part in a Memorial Day parade. The dead boy was a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Speicher, of Accident, Garrett county, and a nephew of State Senator Harvey Speicher.

FIRST COMMENCEMENT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY

On Thursday the first annual commencement of the elementary schools of the county was held in the Armory, this city, and was attended by a parents, children and friends from every part of the county, every school in the county being represented by students.

The plan is a very commendable one as it will bring the scholars of the county together annually and create a happy condition among them The program was as follows:

Selection—Westminster High School Orchestra.

Song—"Star Spangled Banner".

Invocation—Rev. Seth Russell Downie, Presbyterian Church, Taneytown.

Song—"Keep The Home Fires Burning".

Address—Rev. Chalmers Walck, St Paul's Reformed Church, Westminster.

Song—America.

Address—William J. Hollaway, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools.

Song—Dixie.

Presentation of the Diplomas—Maurice S. H. Unger, Supt. of Schools

Selection—Westminster High School Orchestra.

Closing Song—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The singing was delightful. The strong, young voices sang the following selections to the great delight of the large audience: America, Dixie Star-Spangled Banner and Keep Th Home Fires Burning.

There was a long list of graduates but our limited space will not permit the publication of the same.

DEATHS

ROY W. FROCK

Roy W. Frock son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Frock, Maple Avenue Hanover, Pa., died Sunday morning last at 5 o'clock. Death was due to measles and penumonia. He was aged seven months and seventeen day. He is survived by his parents. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the house. The Rev. S. P. Mauger officiating. The remains were then taken to Bachman's church, Bachman's Valley, where interment was made in the family plot.

MRS DR. LUTHER KEMP

Mrs. Sallie E. Kemp, wife of Dr. Luther Kemp, died May 30, 1919, at her home in Uniontown, this county. The funeral services were held at her late home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Paul M. Yoder, officiating and the interment was in Baust Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Kemp leaves a host of friends who sincerely regret her death. She was an active worker in the Reformed Church at Baust and her charities and other acts of kindness endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Being childless, she took great interest in the children of Uniontown and vicinity.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sisters and a brother, the latter being Col. Edward O. Weant of this city.

DR. SOMERSET R. WATERS

Dr. Somerset R. Waters died May 30, 1919 at his home Woodside Cottage, near Watersville, this county, aged 89 years. He is survived by his only child Miss Estella Waters, at home.

The funeral services were held Sunday morning in St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, Mt. Airy, this county, and the interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Mt. Airy.

Dr. Waters was known all over Maryland, having filled the office of chief clerk in the office of the tax commissioner of the state, formerly located at Annapolis. He was a physician of the old school and made friends of all with whom he came in contact. He took great interest in the affairs of the Democratic party and no Carroll county Democratic convention was complete without his presence.

MRS. ALICE R. KISER ON TRIAL FOR KILLING HER HUSBAND.

The trial of Mrs. Alice R. Kiser of Harney, of this county, for killing her husband J. Frank Kiser at their home on February 12th. last was begun yesterday in the Circuit Court before Chief Judge Thomas and Associate Judge Moss and a jury. The jury consists of Jacob H. Krumrine, John W. Smith, James E. C. Slasman, George S. Stoffle, Wm. E. Markell, Wm. E. Grumbine, Claude E. Conover, Sterling C. Bixler and Bradford H. Owings, of the regular panel, and George F. Morelock, Frank Ward and Samuel P. Caltrider, talismen. The prisoner through her counsel, Messrs. E. O. Weant and Bond and Parke, challenged 14 jurors and the State, through W. L. Seabrook, State's Attorney, three.

By 11.20 A. M. the jury was selected and sworn and the State's Attorney immediately made his opening statement and was followed by Mr. E. O. Weant, who made the same for the defense.

At the conclusion of the opening statement for the defense, the Court adjourned for lunch, immediately after which the taking of testimony began.

The defense, as outlined by Col. Weant, is based on a plea of insanity. He stated that with the prisoner it was hereditary, a number of her relatives having been insane. In addition to the hereditary insanity the defense is relying on the fact, as claimed, that Mrs. Kiser was, at the time of the homicide, and is now suffering from the effects of a cancer on her liver, gall stones and hardening of the arteries all of which produced an abnormal condition of her mind and made her unaccountable for her act.

Despite the heat in the court room many ladies attended the trial and helped to pack the room with visitors. Mrs. Kiser's son is with his mother in Court.

A number of experts on insanity were on hand some to testify for the State and some for the defense.

By 9 o'clock last night all the evidence had been submitted to the jury and this morning orgument of counsel began.

At the time of giving to press the jury had not reached a verdict.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

At a largely attended and very enthusiastic meeting of representatives from all parts of Carroll county held in the Times Building, on Tuesday evening, June 3, tentative plans were made and a number of committees appointed to make arrangements for the great welcoming, home coming and victory celebration by Carroll county citizens to her soldier boys on July Fourth.

Every district is asked to come in as a body with the largest number of people and automobiles possible, bringing with them their own band.

It is to be the greatest day Carroll has ever seen and all other events, large and small are to be sidetracked and Westminster is to be the mecca for all on that day.

The program will begin in the early afternoon with the dedication of the victory trees that have been planted along the Baltimore road by the Women's Civic League.

Next will come the great military parade participated in by every son of Carroll who has been in any branch of the service and returned home by that time. This will end at the Courthouse green where appropriate exercises will be held.

The soldiers will then be served with supper at the Armory by the Red Cross.

In the evening there will probably be a parade of the Firemen and perhaps other civic bodies followed by a grand illuminated automobile parade that shall eclipse anything of the kind ever before seen here. The whole to end up with a display of fireworks.

It is expected that the city of Westminster will lavishly decorate the various entrances to the town and provide appropriate signs of welcome over the streets and every citizen will of course take a pride in having his own property covered with the Stars and Stripes and suitable displays.

Emphasis was laid on the fact that the whole effort is to be a county affair in which each and every section will participate and not in any sense a Westminster celebration.

The matter of raising the necessary funds to carry out the program was put in the hands of the Council of Defense organization.

Committees were appointed to have in charge all of the various details of the day and they will report at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 17.

Guy W. Steele, Esq., was chairman of the meeting and George Mather, Secretary.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MEETING

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Westminster High School Alumni Association was held Friday evening, May 30, 1919, in Assembly Hall. There were seventy-five Alumni and former students present.

Each program had on it six stars for the Alumni and five former students of the High School Department who made the supreme sacrifice. They are:

Irvin K. Myers (Class of 1916), John A. Alexander, William J. Hively, Paul Little, E. Frank Tracey, Frank M. Miller.

The principal feature of the occasion was a most excellent literary and musical program rendered entirely by graduates and former students of the High School. The program was preceeded by a business meeting at which officers for the ensuing year were elected, and was followed by a collation.

Instrumental music for the occasion was furnished by the High School Orchestra, directed by Miss Ida Lockard.

The following officers were elcted President—Melvin L. King, Vice-President, Gilbert D. Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, Jesse C. Royer.

BOYS OF CO. H. ARRIVE HOME

About 65 members of old Company H arrived home yesterday afternoon. They were brought here from Camp Meade in automobiles. When near town they were met by a delegation of firemen with the fire truck and escorted to town. Upon their arrival the bells of this place rang out a welcome and Guy W. Steele Esq., delivered an address of welcome. To-day a parade will be held, a dinner served to the returning soldiers and a game of base ball will be played at the college between a nine picked from the soldier boys and the college students.

Mr. Charles E. Stewart, formerly, of this city, but now a resident of Philadelphia, is in a critical condition and is not expected to live but a few hours.

WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The Nineteenth Annual Commencement of Westminster High School was held in the M. N. C. Armory on the evening of Monday, June 2nd. Fourteen young women and one young man in the presence of a thousand relatives and friends were graduated "Out of School Life into Life's School". Prof. Sydney S. Handy gave a pleasing and helpful address on the subject: "The Three Silent Voices Home, Education, Democracy."

The following received from Supt. M. S. H. Unger the Maryland High School diplomas.

Charles Stonesifer, Lillian Hoffman, Caroline Foutz, Bessie Weigle, Mary Burkholder, Martha Manahan, Golda Owings, Florence Wenger.

Commercial Course

Emma Bemiller, Helen King, Dorothy Reifsnider, Lillian Helwig, Margaret Little, Mary Rinaman, Norma Warehime.

PROGRAM

Singing, The American Ode.
Invocation, Rev. Wm. H. Hetrick.
Music, Orchestra.
Recitation, Wee Willie Winkle. Kifling, Lillian Hofman.
Chosu, Welcome, Sweet Springtime.
Essay, Our Farewell, Bessie Weigle
Music, Orchestra.
Address, Prof. Sydney S. Handy.
Piano-Violin, Third Sonatina, Schubert, Caroline Wantz, Philip Royer.
Presentation of Diplomas, Supt. M. S. H. Unger.
Chorus, A Summer Holiday.
Announcements, Prin. W. H. Davis.
Presentation of Certificates, Mr. E. C. Ebaugh.
Music, Orchestra

The leaders of the High School classes were. First Year, Lucielle Lynn; Second Year, Margaret Mowbray; Third Year, Helen Reese; Fourth Year, Bessie Weigle. These received Honorable Mention having made an average of 90 or above: First Year, Katherine Sullivan, Robert Weagly, Nevin Lawyer, Etta Ryland, Louise Foutz, Catherine Shaffer, Alfred Helwig; Second Year, Carroll Royer, Minnie Marquette, Mary Mowbray, Geneva Spencer, Ralph Lockard; Third Year, Elsie Hoffa, Victor Weybright, Hilda Wertz, Ethel Mitten, Julia Beach, Helen Oursler, Ruth Helwig, Helen Michael, Mary Yeiser, Bessie Rosenstock, Miriam Hull, Lawrence Hull; Fourth Year, Lillian Hoffman, Charles Stonesifer, Golda Owings, Martha Manahan, Helen King, Mary Burkholder, Caroline Foutz, Norma Warehime, Margaret Little, Mary Rinaman.

In the Intermediate Grades Certificates were issued to: Graceland Fourth, Evelyn J. Mather and Ned Shriver; West End Fourth George Fisher and Hess Belt; Fifth A. George Fringer; Fifth B, Florence Winters; Sixth A, Taft Feldman; Sixth B, Rose Price and Donald Sponseller; Seventh A, Elizabeth Bemiller; Seventh B, Margaret Myerly. The following received Honorable Mention: Graceland Fourth, Catherine Devilbiss, Katherine Fringer, Catherine Read, Stanley Rayner. West End Fourth, Everil Gamber. Helen Harver, Catherine Hobby; Fifth A, Russell Berwager, George Hutting; Fifth B, Catherine Stoner, Frances Myers; Sixth A, Anna Feldman, Sarah Billingslea, Rita Garza, Hetrick, Dorothy Baker; Seventh A, Albert Dobson, Ruth Hunter, Edith Morningstar; Seventh B. Louise Stitely, Miriam Royer, Olive Murray, Catherine Sponseller, George Sullivan, Evelyn Myers, Annie Spenser, Ruby Reed.

PLEASANT VALLEY BANK OPENS FOR BUSINESS

On Monday of this week the Bank Commissioners for Maryland made an inspection of the new bank at Pleasant Valley and gave his Certificate authorizing the bank to open its doors for business which was done that day. A. Daniel Leister is the President and Edgar H. Shaeffer, Vice-President. The Cashier is Nevin W. Crouse of Tyrone, this county, who was until the close of the present public-school year a teacher in the county schools. Mr. Crouse was named a Notary Public by Governor Harrington on Monday last.

There are eleven directors of the bank and they were all present at its opening as well as many other business men from Pleasant Valley and that community. The Capital Stock is $16,000 and the Surplus $4,000. A store-room has been fixed up with the necessary bank furniture, safe, etc., in the business section of the village of Pleasant Valley and there the new institution begins its existence. The more than 135 separate stockholders should make this a successful banking house. This is a state bank and has a broad charter. Charle C. Clemson, Esq., of this city, is the counsel for the bank.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

George B. Stocksdale, to Walter T. Rentzner and wife, 6a, $1800.00.

George W. Albaugh, to Charles W. Klee et al. 1-4 acre, $4750.00.

W. Frank Thomas, Ex'r., to George E. Montgomery and wife, 8625 sq ft., $895.00.

Franklin H. Beachtel, to Arthur W. Feeser and wife. 150 acres, $5000.00.

Rebecca Ann Wisner, to Arthur W. Feeser and wife, 22 square perches, $2900.00.

J. Thomas Harris and wife, to J. Harris Reed, 75 acres, $5000.00.

B. Frank Mathias, to B. Carroll Hively and wife, 1-2 acre, $800.00.

Barbara A. Hoover et al., to George E. Hoover, 146 acres, $10,000.00.

George A. Shipley and wife, to George C. Shipley, 23 acres, $10.00.

Edward O. Weant, Trustee, to Ernest V. Hood, one acre, $1000.00.

J. Hollin Kefauver, to Oscar Baumgardner, 600 sq. ft., $40.00.

Winter D. Bond et al. to Horace W. B. Wildersin, 2a, $200.00.

Lucretia H. Whitfield, to Dory W. Boone, 30 acres, $10.00.

William T. Kimmey and wife, to George E. Matthews and wife, 115 1-2 sq. ft., $10.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Robert Myers of Middleburg, and Grace Emma Grimes, of Keymar.

Wyndom Wentworth Costley, of Winfield, and Augusta Myers, of Mt. Airy.

Earl Link Foreman, and Hilda Frock, both of Taneytown.

Harry Harold Hanna, of Boonton, N. J., and Margaret Elizabeth Wright, of Taylorsville.

Robert Lincoln Granfield, of Armand, Michigan, and Dora Katherine Kohls, of Sykesville.

Littleton Morgan Harriday, (col.) of Woodbine, and Hattie Victoria Hall, (col.) of Gaithersburg.

William D. Ogle, of Washington, D. C., and Martha E. Fogle, of Westminster.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of county commissioners was in session Monday and Tuesday. On Monday delegations from Myers, Hampstead, Union Bridge, Freedom, Mt. Airy, Westminster and Berrett district appeared before the board advocating appropriations of money for building new and improving old school houses in the districts. The delegations were so large the board was forced to adjourn to the court room. Everyone was given an opportunity to make a speech and oratory flowed freely.

The commissions have not acted on any of the requests because to grant all of them would require a considerable addition to the tax rate for 1919 and 1920. The appropriations for school buildings have been large and the cost of materials and labor very high and the question which arises is: "Will the taxpayers of the county stand for an increased rate sufficient to meet the demands being made? "If so, then they must prepare themselves to pay a rate of nearly $1.50 on the $100, which in the opinion of many, would be an outrageous demand and will amount to almost a confiscation of property.

Then again has the Board of Education shown to the taxpayers of the county that it can be trusted to spend large sums of money in the most economical manner?

At present the position of the county commissioners is a very trying one and they, as a whole, are giving their best efforts to solve the many financial problems now confronting them.

On Tuesday the board passed an order directing that Ernest R. Brandenburg, of Berrett District be sent to Springfield State Hospital at Sykesville.

Miss Lola Woods, of St. Mary's county, is visiting Judge and Mrs. Wm. H. Thomas, of this city.

Dr. Edwin Zimmerman, of New York, and Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, D. D., of Baltimore, visited, this week, their brothers, Mr. Theo. Zimmerman, of near this city and Mr. David Zimmerman, of Westminster.

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