

Re-union and Home-Coming of Pupils and Teachers of Germantown School, Beaver Township.

By Peter M. Herold.

We motored o'er to Germantown, We stood beneath the tree, Upon the school house playground That sheltered us and me; And many there to greet us all And many kindly know Who played there upon the green Just forty years ago.

The old school house is altered some; The benches are replaced By new ones very like the same The jack-knives had defaced. The same old bricks are in the wall, The bell swings to and fro, It's music's much the same today As forty years ago.

Some are in the churchyard laid, Some live beyond the sea; And few are left of our old class Including you and me. But many sleep upon the hill, Which, coated o'er with snow, Afforded them a sliding place, Some forty years ago.

Saturday, June 20, 1914, will long be remembered by the teachers and pupils of the Germantown school district, as their initial reunion and homecoming; and the committee in charge is to be congratulated for the grand success of their untiring efforts.

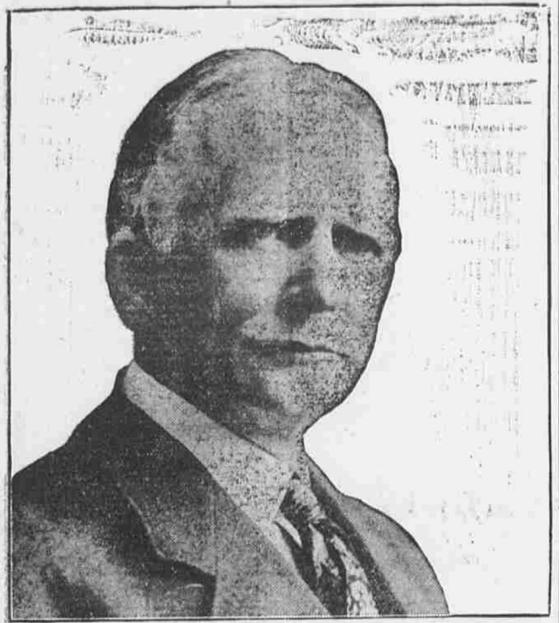
The weather and roads were all that could be desired. Those who attended appeared to have left dull care behind and came with pleasant faces and glad hands. The attendance was estimated at more than 400, coming mostly in automobiles. A stand had been erected for committees and

man) and took a snapshot of them. They are: Samuel Culp, Isaac Culp, John Culp, Lydia Christophel, Mary Christophel, Wm. Crumbacher, Wm. Culp, Jacob Detweiler, Jos. Detweiler, Henry Detweiler, Irena Fuhrman, S. J. Heck, Emma Knopp, Sarah Knopp, Noah Knopp, S. D. Klingensmith, Jonathan Mankin, Martha Mankin, Wm. Noid, John S. Yoder, Jacob Yoder, Barbara Ziegler, Mary Ziegler, Aaron Christophel.

A register was kept upon the secretary's table and all past teachers and pupils present were asked to sign their names and addresses, and 115 names were registered. Following are the names of the teachers present, as registered: Mrs. Geo. H. Paulin, Ada G. Moff, E. M. Detweiler, all of Calla; J. L. Yoder, Ida Halverstadt, Mrs. Fred Lodge, E. J. Longanecker, Jonas Horst, Estella Esterly, Elizabeth Flickinger, all of Columbiana; C. C. Ziegler, North Lima, and John L. Zimmerman of Springfield.

Before adjournment it was voted to have the next reunion at the same place in June, 1916, two years hence, with the same officers in charge of the arrangements.

Germantown school district is in Beaver township and originally belonged to Columbiana county, so that this district is much older than Mahoning county, the latter having been formed by the Ohio legislature in 1846, partly from contributions from Columbiana and Trumbull counties. There is no town there, but there are many prosperous German speaking people in that vicinity and the regions 'round about. D. R. Lehman told me at the reunion that his parents owned land in an adjoining district of English speaking people; but on ac-



JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN OF SPRINGFIELD.

speakers; the lawn was in good condition and everything was free for all. The business session was a little late in beginning, because those coming from a distance could not suppress the social side of their natures and get down to cool business. At 11 o'clock President S. D. Culp called the meeting in session under wide spreading trees near the school house which, according to the U. S. Geological Survey marker, is 1175 feet above sea level. The audience sang "America," and was led in prayer by Rev. Enos Detweiler, and the opening address by the president. The address of welcome was made by J. L. Yoder. Vocal music was furnished by a male quartette.

count of German being spoken on the playground of the Germantown district, his father was granted the privilege of sending his children there. The children were sun-burned and healthy and his home district children called them Indians.

Away back in the early settlement of that district not later than 1820, forests were so dense that the pioneers built a log school house and furnished light through greased paper for windows. German was taught there in early days. John Shimp and Samuel Mellinger (both deceased) being among the German teachers. David Snyder, still living at Nasby's Corners, being one of the German pupils and later became a teacher there in 1859-60, and was present at the reunion in his 80th year. The late Susan (Matzenbaugh) Bossert was also a teacher in the old frame school house. Mrs. Elizabeth (Mellinger) Detweiler, in her 76th year, was one of the past teachers present and Miss Stella Esterly was the youngest teacher present. Albert Platt, who acted as "Marchal" by ejecting unruly members at spellings and literaries, was also a conspicuous figure upon the old school ground last Saturday.

To be with masses of strange people and unknown by name, people who push past you, jostle you, and in fact are not aware of your existence, their own struggle for a livelihood being so great as to approach selfishness. But to be out in the open, feel the air, the sunshine, and even feel that the moon and stars are friendly makes the Germantown reunion an event long to be remembered. A whole school district cemented into one common brotherhood, where the spirit of helpfulness and friendliness pervades, is a happy contrast between healthy rural life and that of an overcrowded selfish city.

John L. Zimmerman on his mother's side is a Shimp. Three of the family were school teachers in Beaver and Green townships some 40 years ago. Mr. Zimmerman worked on the farm, attended high school at Washingtonville, and afterwards became a student at Mt. Union college.

The committee on resolutions submit the following as their report: Germantown, Beaver Township, Mahoning County, Ohio. In behalf of the teachers and pupils of the Germantown school a committee met at the home of Mrs. Park H. Holloway in Columbiana, Ohio, to consider the advisability, and later formulate plans to hold a reunion at the Germantown school house on the 20th day of June, 1914. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That we tender a vote of thanks to the committee, viz: Mrs. William Weikart, Mrs. Eli Stouffer, Mrs. Emma Sittler, Miss Estella Esterly, Mrs. Park H. Holloway, Jacob Culp, David Klingensmith, John L. Yoder, Sol Heck, Wm. Noid and Noah Bickler for their untiring efforts in making it possible for this pleasant reunion.

Resolved, 2nd, That we express our gratitude and appreciation to Hon. John L. Zimmerman for his presence and excellent address, and to all others who in song and words of greet-

ing, and expressions of grateful appreciation and by letters of remembrance added to the interest of the program.

Resolved, 3rd, That as this has become a permanent organization, meeting every two years, therefore

Resolved, That we stand for higher education, the broadening and deepening of the "social life." Or as our honorable speaker expressed it: "A man may have education, wealth, power, honor, position; but if he leaves God out of his life, he leaves out that which is most essential to attain the highest type of manhood and womanhood."

Resolved, 4th, That we as one man express our heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of permitting us to live in this beautiful land in this generation, and for this beautiful day of sunshine wherein we were permitted to mingle with schoolmates and teachers. Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Park H. Holloway, Mrs. Fred Lodge, Enos Longanecker, Irvin Lehman, Miss Alice Renkenberger, Committee.

REUNION DAY AT GERMANTOWN.

(A school reunion in the southwestern school district of Beaver township, June 20th, 1914. Just a schoolhouse in a farming neighborhood. Why not call the district Germantown instead of Germantown?) A school house built of brick (once painted white) and maple shade, affording great delight, and friendly folks who smile but never frown.

The first reunion day, at Germantown. The yellow boards, the trees, the schoolhouse white, the grass so green, do picture out alright The "Simple Life," at this old-fashioned place— While automobiles show the modern ways!

Not eight and seventy, but very near— My father is the oldest teacher, and Mrs. Reverend Detweiler's mother, kind, is oldest one of scholars here we find. John Yoder's welcome speech is good indeed. And cheerfully the program does proceed. And now the teachers called upon to speak. Respond in cheerful tones and manner meek.

Do not forget Enos Detweiler's speech— The worth of common schools he tries to teach. The speaker's names are hard to bear in mind. And some of them will hardly rhyme, I find!

I only give a few, 'tis not much fun. To make them rhyme: Miss Esterly is one; E. Longanecker, and George Paulin's wife. And dad, and others once controlled school life.

And quite a number of the teachers say. That they are glad to be with us today; And thus, in thoughtful way, we spend This pleasant Saturday in month of June.

See Peter Herold taking notes today; (He writes the news for "Bingville" town, three miles away.) A motion picture now, again to meet. From hence (it's almost time to eat)

How well we like, free treat of lemonade. As sweet as any Germantown young maid! "This dinner time, three hundred folks sit down" The first reunion day at Germantown.

Another teacher comes—'tis Jonas Horst. (No speech from him, he was not here at first.) The "Blackman" game is played by quite a crowd. (Who mostly play, and do not holler loud.) And now, photographer's enduring art is tried. Right at schoolhouse, on sunny southern side.

And Webb will earn much wealth, and great renown. The first reunion day at Germantown! John Zimmerman's address is up-to-date. (He's now a corporation lawyer great.) He's free, today, from city's feverish strife. And praises Germantown and "Simple Life."

First term of school he ever taught was he we know; Again he calls the roll of forty years ago. When some say "here," the names are written down— The first reunion day at Germantown.

Quartets and duets too, are very good. Displaying well the talent of this neighborhood. Dismissed, when the crowd will stay awhile this afternoon. The Germantown Reunion Day, in June. —Arthur Alvin Snyder, Calla, Mahoning County, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 2

PERRY ROBISON For State Representative

I wish to announce my candidacy for the nomination for State Representative subject to the decision of the Republican primaries to be held Aug. 11, 1914. I am a native of Mahoning county and have lived on a farm in Milton township for thirty years. While living in Milton, I taught school several years and later took up the study of law in Western Reserve University Law School. Since finishing my law course and admission to the bar, I have engaged in the practice of law in the city of Youngstown.

I believe the general tendency of recent legislation is the passage of too many laws. Laws should be



changed and new ones added when business conditions demand, but laws which make radical reforms and involve expensive innovations are much more easily added to the statutes than repealed.

If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to do the work of my office to the best of my ability and to assist in the passage of only such laws as I consider beneficial and just.

I shall appreciate your support if you feel that I can well and creditably represent you as a legislator. PERRY ROBISON.

NATIONAL DEBTS.

The debts of the leading nations of the world are as follows, in round numbers: United States, \$1,200,000,000; Great Britain, \$3,900,000,000; Russia, \$5,000,000,000; France, \$5,200,000,000; Germany, \$1,240,000,000; Australia, \$1,480,000,000; Canada, \$400,000,000. The United States is not only the richest country in the world, but has greater wealth than any other two countries on earth combined.

We never miss the water till the stock runs dry. Read Harp of Various Things column

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GREECE WILL PURCHASE BOATS

Money Derived From Disposal of Small Craft Must Be Turned Into Treasury for Use in the Construction of Battleship of Dreadnaught Type. Washington, June 24.—Authority was given President Wilson by the house to sell to Greece the two small battleships, Idaho and Mississippi, for the total actual cost of their construction.

New Dreadnaught for U. S. Under this authorization the money received from the sale of the two battleships must be turned into the treasury for use in the construction of one battleship of the dreadnaught type.

The cost of the two small battleships was about \$11,750,000. The total cost of a battleship of the first class is about \$15,000,000. As the senate has passed the authorization of sale of the Idaho and Mississippi the house action insures the authorization this year in the pending naval appropriation bill of three battleships of the first class.

The house vote assenting to sale of the two battleships was 174 to 87 and came after a bitter fight had been made on the proposition by the small navy men. Representative Mann, Republican leader, was defeated in an effort to prevent use of the money from the sale for construction of a battleship of the first class by a vote of 154 to 103.

Action Comes Unexpectedly. House authorization for the sale came unexpectedly. It had been abandoned recently by Chairman Padgett of the house naval affairs committee, with the consent of Secretary Daniels, following a storm of disapproval from the little navy men. President Wilson resurrected the proposition by getting back of it, despite the protests of Turkey. His influence forced the favorable vote.

Urging the sale of the two small ships, Mr. Padgett said that because of their lack of speed the two ships weakened the effectiveness of the battleship fleet to which they were assigned. Recently, in attempts to keep up with the faster ships of the Atlantic fleet, they had broken their main

DISTRIBUTES TYPHOID

Washington, June 24.—The navy has a "typhoid Mary" in an officer who distributes a vigorous collection of typhoid germs among his shipmates wherever he goes. After his arrival at a shore station or on a ship an epidemic of typhoid fever invariably breaks out. The officer's name is withheld by order of the department, but it is said he is now under treatment by specialists and that unless he can be freed from the germs he will be retired from the navy on the grounds of physical disability.

OFFICER IN THE NAVY CAUSES SICKNESS AMONG SHIPMATES WHEREVER HE GOES.

Till within a few weeks Woodrow Wilson has stood in favor with the people as, perhaps, no other President has ever done. The people recognized in him a great man, a master mind and a spirit too big for petty partisanship or any littleness of soul.

But within the past few weeks there has arisen a tide of criticism based on the prevailing lapse in business and the Mexican mix-up. The lapse in business is attributed to the new tariff and the anti-trust policy of Mr. Wilson and his party. The long drawn out Mexican embroglio is the result, so the critics say, of the President's indecision.

But it must be evident to all unbiased observers that, for the most part, the criticisms are animated by partisan and financial interests. It would be well to be fair with the President. He cannot be held responsible for business conditions; the same general conditions prevail in Canada and all Europe. Nor can he force the Mexicans to come to his terms unless he resorts to war and only a few people are willing for that.

The News editor did not vote for Mr. Wilson, but now admits that has thus far been a great President, and believes that he knows just what he is about and that he will come out all right.—Minerva News.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF The Central Savings and Loan Company YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, JUNE 1, 1914. RESOURCES: First Mortgages on Real Estate \$359,397.25; Loans on Pass Book Security 20,976.00; Collateral Loans 6,250.00; Furniture and Fixtures 3,000.00; Insurance and Taxes paid for borrowers 54.24; Cash on hand and in Banks 23,190.62. Total \$412,868.12. LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$100,000.00; Dividend, June 1, 1914 2,979.50; Deposits 289,021.48; Surplus and Undivided Profits 1,112.97; Due Borrowers on unfinished buildings 19,754.17. Total \$412,868.12. WE PAY 5 PER CENT INTEREST ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS. We Loan All Our Money on First Mortgages on Real Estate.

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LEGAL NOTICE: Geo. L. Laase, whose place of residence is unknown, will take notice that on the 5th day of June, 1914, his wife, Anna E. Laase, filed her petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Mahoning County, Ohio, asking to be divorced from him on the ground of three years wilful absence, and also to have the care and custody of their three minor children, and that said case will be for hearing on and after six weeks from the first publication of this notice which is June 12, 1914. Geo. Swanson, ANNA E. LAASE, 11-6. It is a mistake to suppose that every man in a tall hat is feeling his oats. His wife may be making him wear it. BERTHA GUTZLER, I. B. Miller, Atty. 11-6