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## Joe Jerger Signs Up With Fort Wayne Club

WILL LEAVE THIS MORNING TO JOIN BILLIKENS.

Montgomery Well Pleased with Hardy's Work—Lorains Will Be Attraction Today.

(By CARL P. LEATHERWOOD.)

Joe Jerger, the Martins Ferry twirler, who was handed his release by Manager Montgomery of the Wheeling team a few days ago, has signed up with the Fort Wayne aggregation and will leave this morning for Indiana city to join the club Jerger has been doing great deal of preliminary work during the past few weeks and states that he is in the best of condition to start the season. During Jerger's career as a league player he has met with his ups and downs and while he pitched a number of good games for the Stogies, he was inconsistent. It seemed as though when Jerger's turn came to pitch the players would have an off day and although he pitched winning ball he lost the majority of his games. Last season Wheeling farmed him to East Liverpool, Ohio, where he made an excellent showing, it seeming that the Central League had his "goat."

Boss Casey, of the Billikens, is having one awful time with his pitching staff and Saturday released two fingers by the name of Simmons and Hedges. He has more candidates for the pitching staff than for any other position on the team and can not satisfy himself with the bunch he is now trying out. Jerger may prove a valuable acquisition in that department and the local twirler's work will be watched with considerable interest by local admirers.

Manager Montgomery, when seen last evening after arriving home from Canton, Ohio, stated that he was well pleased with the showing made by his warriors. "The grounds, he stated, was rough and heavy, preventing any fast work on the part of either team. Before the game started a snow storm occurred, which had a tendency to take the ginger out of the players of both teams. Monty was not counting string on a victory and was looking more toward the practice the boys got than a win.

Hardy, the south paw flinger on the Stogie team, did some excellent work in the Canton game yesterday afternoon and Monty was more than pleased with the showing the lad made. He has a good line of curves, a good head, fair control and with a little coaching should be developed into a first class slab artist.

Local fandom will get the first opportunity of the season to see the Stogies in action today, as the boys will line up against the strong Lorain Coal and Dock company team this afternoon at the Island ball park, that is if the weather man don't interfere. Monty was unable to say last night who would pitch the game, but it is likely that several of the candidates for a pitching job will be given a try out. Ike Cope or Stoker will be on the mound for the Lorains and there will, no doubt, be a large turnout of the fans.

The tin can will start to rattle about Wednesday, according to Boss Montgomery, as he will begin about that time or maybe a little later or sooner to cut down the "squad." The unanswerable question among the boys now is "Whom get it?" This question is not definitely settled in Monty's mind yet as he has not been quite enough of the work of the candidates

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The Presbyterian church team is now practicing for a game to be played with the Stogie squad within the next few days, according to Manager Smith, of the Ohio side team. The Presbyterian bunch is a fast one and would give the Wheelingites quite a tussle.

Crane certainly played some nice game at the initial sack and if his future is to be judged from his performance in yesterday's game he will be a fixture here. He secured two hits, one a two bagger and had 12 put outs without a fumble.

Blinke and Lewis carried off the batting honors, having three hits each to their credit. Graf, at third, did not get a bingle, but had eight assists with one error.

Over in Terre Haute the fans are submitting guesses as to how the Central league teams will stand on Decoration day and in four guesses sent in out of six Wheeling is in the first division. Dayton was picked to be in first place at that time in three of the guesses, Terre Haute twice and Evansville once. Grand Rapids seems to be the cellar team, according to the guesses.

Frank Green arrived home from Hamilton, O., Saturday, where he has been trying out for a position on the pitching staff of the team that represents that town in the Ohio state league. Green is in the pink of condition and is confident of landing a regular job on the Ohio team. He will return to resume training today or tomorrow.

Joseph Weithe, formerly of the McConkeys and Higgins, a star on the Mondsville team last season, have both been released by Manager Joe Raily of the Zanesville team. Both boys were pitching good ball but they lacked the schooling necessary for a player in the leagues, and for this reason were released. They will no doubt be picked up by some of the league teams in the near future.

## TELL SECRETS

(Continued From First Page.)

gio and Erricone, the latter the reputed leader of the society.

Particular in Selection. As in a court of justice, there is a Camarist called the terzo contrario, who takes the part of public prosecutor and finds arguments to oppose the admission of the candidate. Even when these arguments are satisfactorily met, the candidate must, in the presence of the members, undertake the tirata, a kind of duel, the gravity of which varies according to circumstance and individuals. Generally the tirata is perfunctory, in which case it is called "of the muscles," because of the combatants being allowed to wound each other only in the muscles of the arm, which they bare before engaging in the combat. If the candidate injures any other part of his opponent's body he is disqualified.

In a basin placed in the center of the meeting place—generally a tavern—five knives are placed. Two of these have sharp points and keen double-edged blades—two have only the sharpened points—while the fifth is characterized by its great length. The knives are covered with a white handkerchief and over this a red handkerchief is thrown. The godfather of the candidate and a second cho-

sen for his adversary take the knives with the double-edged blades, the head of the Camorra takes the long knife, while the candidate and his opponent grasp the others.

The duellists are then placed back to back with arms bare to above the elbow, and when the head cries: "The name of the saints, Cosmo and Damiano—one, two, three," they turn and the combat begins. It continues until one or the other is stabbed in the arm. He who has done the stabbing immediately sucks the wound, kisses his opponent as a bond of friendship and bandages the injury with the white handkerchief taken from the basin.

When there is a deep rooted antagonism between the candidate and his opponent that one of the two must fall forever, the duel or tirata is termed "of the box." In such cases all the knife thrusts must be directed towards the upper part of the body or the head, as in a duel with rapiers. These duels, however, are rare.

## NEW PASTOR

Frank C. Snyder Coming to Mozart Lutheran Church—Easter at Zion Church.

Easter, the gladtime feast, received the usual elaborate recognition at the Zion Lutheran church. The edifice, handsome in itself, was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and potted plants. The pastor, the Rev. A. L. Benz, was ably assisted by his brother, the Rev. C. Theodore Benz, president of Thiel college, Greenville, Pa.

The reverend professor preached on the Easter gospel, Mark 16:1-8, speaking of the victory of Christ over death and the grave. An unusual service took place at Christ Mission church at Mozart at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when, in addition to Dr. C. T. Benz and Rev. A. L. Benz, Mr. Frank C. Snyder of the Lutheran seminary at Mt. Lary, Philadelphia, also officiated. Mr. Snyder will soon be ordained and will then take charge of Christ Mission, much to the joy of the people of Mozart.

The children's vesters at Zion church were very beautiful and dresses were delivered by the pastor and visiting ministers. The large offering will be devoted to the church extension work of the general council. The children were remembered with booklets and small potted plants.

## APPENDICITIS

Engineer Fred Bursner of Water Works Undergoes Operation. Mother Buried Saturday.

Fred Bursner, engineer at the Water Works, was taken to the North Wheeling hospital at an early hour this morning, suffering from a serious case of appendicitis. An operation was at once performed by Drs. Caldwell, Glass and Dalbey, but had not been completed at press time.

The mother of Mr. Bursner, Mrs. Mariana Bursner, died at his home last Thursday and was buried Saturday.

## QUIT MORMONS

Crowd in England Attack Meeting and Serve Notice to Leave Country. BIRENHEAD, England, April 16.—The anti-mormon campaign led to serious disorders here today. An organized demonstration against mormonism was carried out and an ultimatum was issued requiring the mormon missionaries to quiet town within eight days. Later a great crowd attacked the mormon meeting house and stoned and smashed the windows. The police had great difficulty in restoring order. Two persons were injured and five were arrested.

D. of A. R. to Meet. WASHINGTON, April 15.—Nearly 500 delegates to the twentieth continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution are crowding the hotels here tonight for the opening of the congress tomorrow morning.

## OUT THE PIKE

Largest Communion Service in History of Stone Church Observed. Other News.

The series of revival services which have been in progress in the Stone church at Elm Grove for the past two weeks were brought to a close by the observance of communion services in that church yesterday morning. This was the largest communion ever held in the church as there were over three hundred communicants. Forty-one new members were received into the church on profession of their faith, the result of the efforts of Rev. B. M. Conn, the noted Irish evangelist, who has been conducting the revivals. Seven members were also received by letter from other churches and twelve by profession of faith at the evening service, making a total of sixty new members. The subject of the sermon of Rev. Conn, who conducted the service, assisted by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Allen, was "Remember Jesus Christ." The church was taxed to its capacity,

chairs being placed in the aisles to accommodate the crowd. A collection was taken to pay the expenses of securing the services of Rev. Conn and over \$225 was raised. An appreciative audience again filled the church last evening when Rev. Conn delivered his farewell address, which was entitled "Kadesh Barnea."

## Death at Infirmary.

Saturday afternoon at the county infirmary occurred the death of Luke Leonard, who has been an inmate of that institution for several years. The deceased was 75 years of age and has been in poor health for some time, the cause of his death being tuberculosis. The funeral will be held this morning at nine o'clock, Rev. Pfoeger, of St. Vincent De Paul's church officiating. The interment will be made in the Mount Calvary cemetery.

## Class Organized.

The Sunday school class taught by Mrs. A. F. Ruble in the Stone church at Elm Grove has organized a Young Men's Bible class with the following persons as charter members: Lester Crow, Willis Crow, George Jones, Harry Leoffler, Oscar Leoffler, Harry Bloomfield, Walter Hand, Orville Bentley, John Ferrell, Will Ryan, Earnest Walter, Slater Davis, Albert Greighton, Enlow Lively and Will Kayser. The class will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ruble Thursday evening for the purpose of selecting officers and adopting by-laws.

## Will Give Play.

Arrangements have been completed for the giving of a play in the Coffetown school house on Saturday evening, April 29. The play will be

a three-act comedy, entitled, "Out on the Streets," and will be presented by the pupils of the school, assisted by outside talent. Parts have been assigned for sometime and several rehearsals have been held and the affair promises to be a success. The proceeds are for the benefit of the school.

## At Triadelphia.

Communion services were observed in the Triadelphia Methodist church yesterday, a very large number of communicants being present. Rev. S. K. Arbuthnot, of Wheeling, assisted the pastor, Rev. C. E. Bissel in conducting the services.

The revivals, which have been going on for the past several weeks, were brought to a close last evening by Conference Evangelist Z. A. Nanna, who has been conducting them. Much interest was taken in the meetings and several new members were received on probation.

## Edgwood Council Tonight.

The regular meeting of the Edgwood council will be held this evening and several matters of importance will come up for consideration. The town solicitor was instructed at the last meeting to look up certain points in the state code in regard to laying sidewalks, and it is likely that he will make a report at this meeting. Other routine business matters will be disposed of.

## Wesley Memorial Church.

The communion service which was held in the Wesley Memorial church at 7 o'clock a. m. yesterday, was largely attended. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Johnson officiated. Special Easter

services were held in the morning and also in the evening. The vocal solos by Miss Bertha Soles, Mrs. Lois Henderson, Mrs. Ira Mossburg, Miss Clara Ullom and Mr. Edward Mossburg, Sr., were highly appreciated. The Easter collection amounted to \$109.

## W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Elm Grove chapter, W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Dr. A. F. Ruble on Cracraft's Lane, Elm Grove, tonight at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Harry Brennan is the leader of the meeting. Regular routine business will be transacted and all members are urged to be present.

## S. S. Convention.

The spring meeting of the Triadelphia District Sunday School Association will be held in the Wesley Memorial church at Edgwood, Friday evening, April 21, 1914. Delegates from each Sunday school in the district are expected to be in attendance, as a good meeting is looked forward to.

## Easter Services.

Excellent Easter services were held in the Vance Memorial church at Woodsdale yesterday morning and evening. Several musical selections were rendered and at the morning service Rev. J. M. Potter, the pastor, delivered a special sermon. The feature of the evening program was a musical cantata entitled, "Death and Life."

Special services were held in both the Fulton and the Greggsville Methodist churches, consisting mainly of musical numbers. Large crowds were in attendance at each play.

Out-the-Pike Briefs. The Knights of Pythias will hold a meeting in their hall, at Elm Grove this evening. Six candidates will take the second degree initiation, also a number will take the first at this meeting.

Rev. J. W. Johnson, pastor of the Wesley Memorial church at Edgwood, will leave today for Huntington, W. Va., where he will visit relatives for a few days.

Edward Keyser, of Limestone, W. Va., is visiting his brothers, P. J. and R. E. Keyser, at Elm Grove.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the First M. E. church of Elm Grove, will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Vanaman tonight.

Mrs. Harry Kleinline, of Columbus, Ohio, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stackhouse, of Elm Grove.

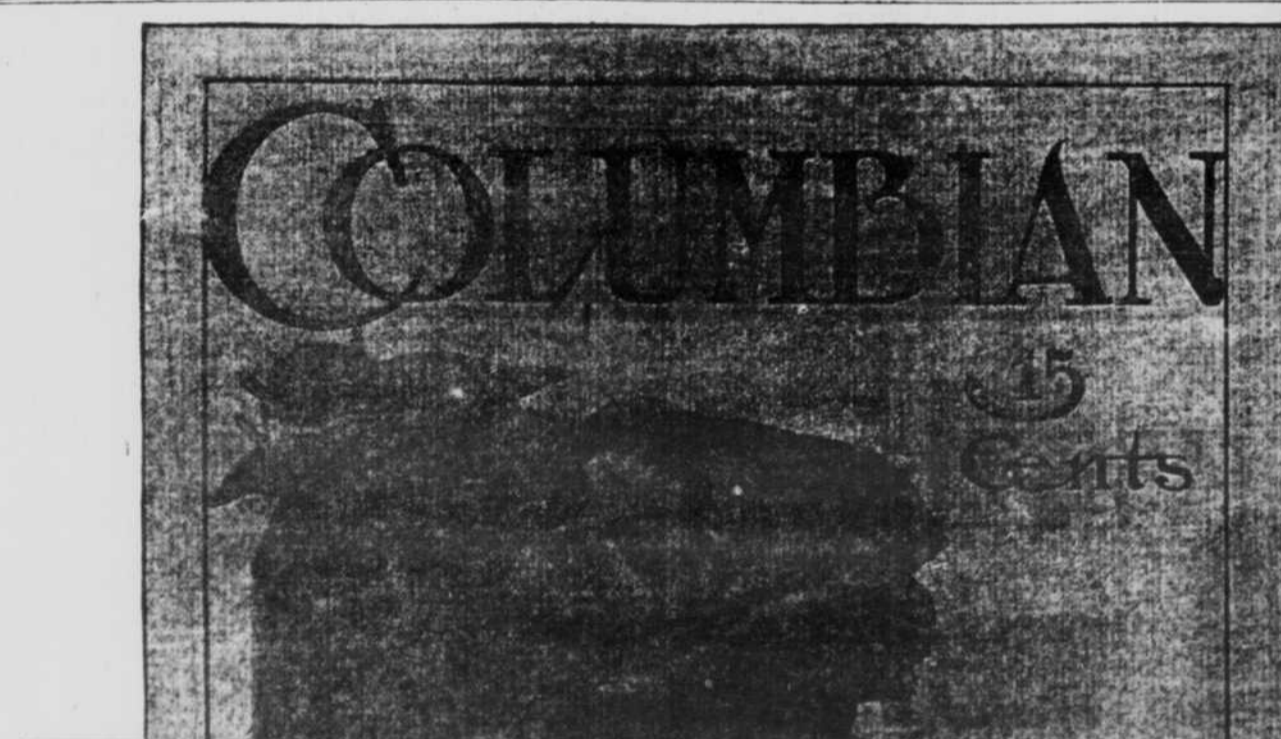
G. Ed Mendel entertained a number of his gentlemen friends at his home in Woodsdale, Saturday evening, in honor of his birth.

Arthur G. Kengeff, of Steubenville, Ohio, spent yesterday with Thomas C. Maurer, of McCurdy's addition, Elm Grove.

The Arbuthnot Bible class recently organized in the First M. E. church at Elm Grove will hold a meeting in the church tonight at 8 o'clock.

Alberta, the little daughter of Squire and Mrs. William Miller, of Edgwood, who painfully hurt her hand by falling on a broken bottle Saturday, is recovering nicely from the injury.

Orville Bentley, of Elm Grove, has been offered the position of assistant secretary of the Pittsburgh Live Stock Exchange of Pittsburgh, but has not decided to accept it.



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