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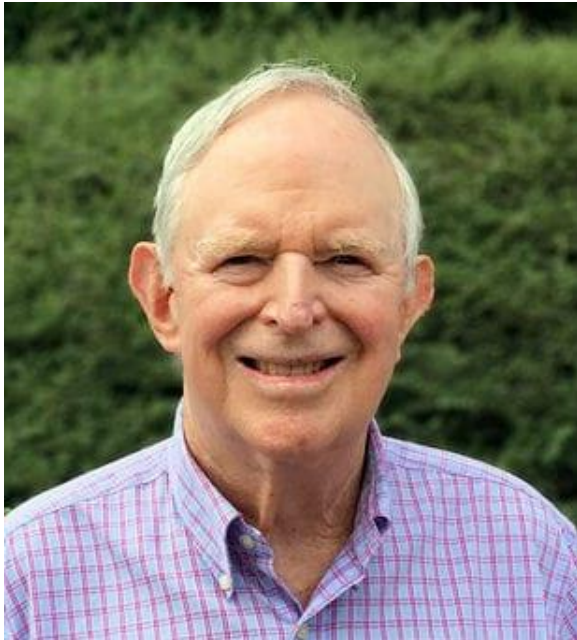
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Save the Date



**JAMES "DING"
SCHOONMAKER, Grandson of
Colonel James M. Schoonmaker**

Our newsletter, the annual dinner, and the rest of 2021 we have dedicated to the memory of James "Ding" Schoonmaker, our great friend and supporter.

Yes, it is happening this year! The Board of Directors are planning the annual Founders Day Dinner, which will be dedicated to the memory of James "Ding" Schoonmaker. The event was cancelled last year, due to Covid. We will commemorate highlights of Monessen history from the years 1920-1921, such as:

- *Suffragettes from Monessen, who helped get the vote for women.**
- *The silver anniversary of the historical society.**
- *The visit in 1920 of Warren G. Harding.**
- *Monessen becoming a Third Class City in 1921.**

Call the museum and reserve your tickets. They are \$30 each. The dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 in Jozwiak Hall, Monessen St. Vincent DePaul Society building on Grand Blvd. Happy hour will begin at 5 and dinner served at 6:30 after the welcome address. Come dressed to

welcome the return of the Roaring Twenties or as a Suffragette!



Society Greets Founding Family

George Orlando Morgan IV and his wife, Martine returned to see the newly renovated Exhibition Hall in our annex building. They were impressed by the work and hope to return yearly. His great grandfather, George Orlando Morgan I was the president of the founding East Side Land Company, which created Monessen in 1898.

Exhibition Hall Renovated.

The Board of Directors carried out a long awaited renovation of the first floor annex in the Milsom Endicott Johnson Building. The space is now called Exhibition Hall and will house permanent Monessen exhibits. Some planned displays will cover Riverboats, World War II veterans, Industry, The Founders and early history, Businesses, and Ethnic groups.

The renovation cost approximately \$175,000, which was obtained from donations and fundraisers.

Stop down and see the new Exhibition Hall. Three class reunions have already made

reservations to tour the space in the coming weeks.



In Remembrance

The Board of Directors extend our sympathy to the family of Sylvia Spadafore, a dedicated long time volunteer, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

Annual Membership Renewal and Fund Drive

You are the reason why we are here! We depend on your generosity to sustain us and help us grow! Please be as generous as you can be. We need your donations to continue our work! Memberships cover the day to day expenses of the museum and preserving local history. Gift memberships make great gifts!

Current Exhibit “Women in Monessen History” 100th anniversary of the suffragettes.

Please Keep in Mind that We are Always In Search of:

- *Ledger books
- *Society minute books
- *Membership lists of organizations
- *Church bulletins
- *Funeral prayer cards
- *Advertising items for local businesses
- *Photos of ethnic celebrations
- *Photos of religious celebrations
- *Photos of old businesses
- *Photos of schools
- *Photos of industries
- *Event programs
- *Family genealogies

Social Media

The Greater Monessen Historical Society has a Twitter account. Follow us at @MonessenHistory. We are also on Facebook and have over 3000 followers worldwide! We can be located on Facebook under “Greater Monessen Historical Society”. See our latest events, news and photos of previous events. Google us and find our webpage filled with all the necessary information to visit, donate, join or learn about us!

Planned Estate Giving

Make a Plan. Make a Difference. Create a Legacy.

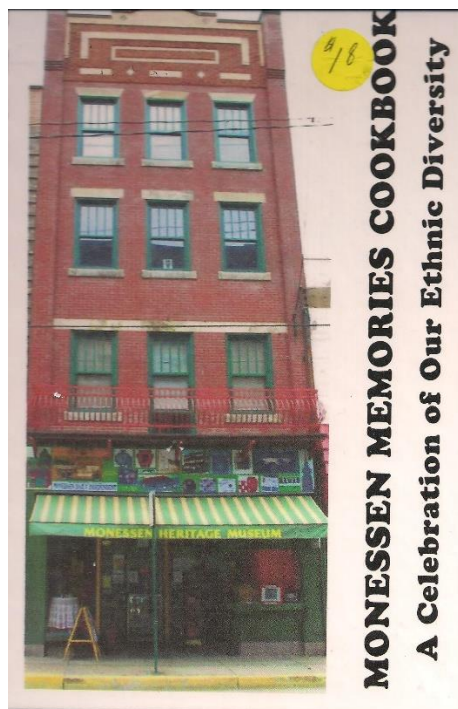
Making a gift of estate assets can be simple to do and will provide lasting support for the Greater Monessen Historical Society’s efforts to connect people to history. It will also ensure that the heritage and legacy left by our immigrant ancestors continues into the future.

Volunteers wanted

Do you have talents to share? Do you have spare time? Do you want to give back to the community? Do you enjoy history? If so, please consider joining our group and volunteering at the Museum. Call for details.

Museum Gift Shoppe

Check out our webpage to see items available in our Gift Shoppe. We have the largest collection of ethnic cookbooks available in the area. They make wonderful wedding gifts.



Reprinted

The “Monessen Memories Cookbook” has been reprinted. The price is now \$20 each. They make wonderful gifts!

**One Hundred Years ago in the
Newspapers
April to June, 1921**

D. Krasik, the Donner Avenue jeweler, is suffering from Typhoid Fever. (04-01-1921) Monessen News

City Bakery announced starting April 18, 1921, large loaves of bread will be eighteen cents per loaf or two for twenty five cents. (04-15-1921) Daily Independent

New Rialto Theatre opens. (04-19-1921) Monessen News

Dr. W. P. Gemmill has rented the top floor of the Myford Building at 4th and Donner, for an eye, ear, and throat hospital with eight rooms. (04-19-1921) Monessen News

The orchestra for the New Rialto Theatre will be under the direction of Professor Vincent Daniels with Justine Rizzuto on the violin, John Renaldo with the clarinet, John Sosol playing the cornet and Alexander Stevenson on the drums. (04-20-1921) Daily Independent

Fire gutted the jewelry store of I. Mayer, 456 Donner Avenue. Damage was \$5,000. The two story frame building is owned by A. Goldberg, McKeesport. Mayer had \$2,000 insurance on his stock. (04-23-1921) Daily Independent

Mike Velifio, a dapper young Croatian, was arrested after punching his wife in the nose. He is 41 years old with Pompadour hair and a French mustache and dresses in the height of fashion. He lives at 97 Schoonmaker Avenue with his wife and two children. After the war, he took in his twenty-one year old niece. He began taking her to the picture shows or dancing, while leaving his wife at home with the children. The wife would knit socks and mend the children's clothing, while the niece was sitting on her uncle's lap. While the wife was out shopping, one of the children walked into the bedroom, while the uncle and niece were making love. The child told the mother, who became upset. The husband hit his wife

in the face. She then called the police, who took the two away. He paid a \$10 fine and costs saying he would divorce his wife. He left the police station arm in arm with the niece followed by the wife and children. (04-26-1921) Daily Independent

The Monessen Aero Company will begin sightseeing rides from the Sampson Farm. Two passengers for \$20.00. (04-27-1921) Daily Independent

The Independent Taxi Company will start a taxi service on May 1, 1921. They purchased four new Nash touring cars. Their office will be in the Sotus Building at Fifth and Donner under the supervision of Thomas Fillen. (04-27-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Florence Gillingham, of Webster, a member of the Ziegfield Follies, is visiting Monessen. (04-29-1921) Daily Independent

The A&P Market has moved from Schoonmaker and Fifth to the room on Donner vacated by the Sanitary Meat Market. The former A&P room is now Belegris Brothers Grocers & Meat Market. (04-30-1921) Daily Independent

Ronald K. Williams received the popular vote at State College, which gave him the highest honor of Spoon Man of the Senior Class. He is president of the student athletic team and quarterback of the varsity football team. (05-13-1921) Monessen News

The Golden Bar Sisterhood, No. 194, Dames of Malta, was instituted on May 18, in Olympic Hall. One hundred and ten candidates received the degrees of Ruth and Esther. (05-20-1921) Monessen News

Monessen High School will graduate fifty-four students (30 girls and 24 boys), which is four students less than last year. Miss Ada Johnson will be Valedictorian and Miss Elizabeth Cramer will be Salutatorian. (05-27-1921) Monessen News

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church has been organized. (06-04-1921) Daily Independent

A huge electric sign with fifty lights has been placed on the Croatian Home on Schoonmaker Avenue near Eleventh Street. The cost was \$700. (06-06-1921) Daily Independent

The Monessen National Band with twenty pieces has been organized by Frank Rizzuto. (06-10-1921) Monessen News

Pierce C. Johnson, proprietor of Johnson's Café, on Sixth Street, has drawn up plans for a two story modern restaurant on his site. The dining room will be 22' x 80'. The kitchen will be 20' x 22' with a ventilation system. The second floor will house a banquet room and overflow women's dining room. The cost is approximately \$20,000. The present property lot and building cost \$12,000. (06-10-1921) Monessen News

Thomas McKee Post, American Legion, presents "the United States Government Official War Films", which are released by permission of the War Department. They will be shown at the Olympic Theatre on June 14-15, 1921. Seven reels. Admission is fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children. (06-11-1921) Daily Independent

Three firemen were injured on Saturday, when they were thrown from a fire truck by Sixth Street. The ladder unfastened, as they were responding to a fire at Ninth and Schoonmaker. The firemen had bruises and cuts only. (06-13-1921) Daily Independent

The Chain Store, located in the Day Building on Donner Avenue, has a Toledo Weighing Scale, where customers can be weighed for free. (06-17-1921) Daily Independent

Harry Dale, age 16, son of R. T. Dale, broke his wrist, while cranking a Ford truck in front of his home. (06-17-1921) Daily Independent

R. M. Ridgley, Donora auto dealer, filed suit for \$409.89, saying he furnished material and repaired motor trucks and

cars owned by R. Rogawitz and Max Goldman, of Monessen's Vienna Bakery, but they refused to pay. (06-18-1921) Daily Independent

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, will hold the sixth annual boat excursion and outing at Kennywood Park. Tickets are on sale at Craig's Drug Store. The Steamer "Sunshine" has been chartered to leave at the Third Street landing with one stop at Monongahela City. It will travel to Duquesne, where special cars will convey the guests to the park. There is free dancing on the boat. (06-18-1921) Daily Independent

The Sheetz Hotel, 1125 Schoonmaker Avenue, has been sold by Charles Geiss to Frank Ezerski. (06-21-1921) Monessen News

While blasting in the stone quarry at the Fisfis excavation on Schoonmaker Avenue, a two hundred pound stone was hurled into the front plate glass window and framework of the M. Maliniak Building. (06-22-1921) Daily Independent

The Pittsburgh Steel (African American) Baseball Club has a record of six games won and three lost. P. L. Rodgers is the team manager. (06-23-1921) Daily Independent

Peoples National Bank has a new McCintock Electric Clock. It chimes four times on the quarter hour. Eight times on the half hour. Twelve on three quarter, and sixteen times with a pause before the hour is struck. (06-24-1921) Monessen News

Four young boys in a Ford touring car went over the steep embankment leading from McKee Way to the high grade on Ninth Street. The car owned by Dan Rogers was demolished. It had been loaned to Joe Dudas, but was being driven by Carl Garlich. The other passengers were Joseph McCune and the nineteen year old son of Harold Matheny. They were driving out of McKee Way, when at the corner of Reed, they noticed a Ford runabout descending the steep grade. To avoid a collision, they applied

the brakes, but the runabout skidded and crashed into the touring car sending it tumbling over the embankment. Two of the passengers in the rear seat jumped and avoided serious injury. Garlich, Dudas and the Matheny lad were caught in the wreckage and painfully injured. Dudas is confined to his bed suffering from a wound that required seven stitches in his leg along with a badly cut lip, which also required several stitches. Garlich was not seriously injured. The Matheny lad had injuries to his head and leg. The Ford runabout was driven by Don Allen, of the Donora Construction Company. His car was only slightly damaged. (06-30-1921) Daily Independent

Winter and early Spring Weddings, Divorces and Engagements of 1922

A marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh yesterday to Fred B. Kulow, Charleroi, and Miss Janie Jones, Donora. (01-02-1922) Daily Independent

Mrs. Geraldine Stapleton, Eighth Street, age 30 and Earl Forsha wed on December 24, 1921, in Bedford. (01-03-1922) Monessen News

The wedding of Mrs. Geraldine Stapleton, 30 Eighth street, and Earl Forsha, both of Monessen, took place on December 24, 1921, in Bedford. (01-04-1922) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. David P. Henderson will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary tonight at their home, 900 Donner Avenue. (01-04-1922) Daily Independent

Raymond Waite, formerly of Belle Vernon and Miss Haxel Adams, Speers, married at Wellsburg, West Virginia, last Tuesday. (01-04-1922) Daily Independent

The marriage of Isaac M. Lamont and Miss Rebecca J. Nichols took place yesterday at Cumberland, Maryland. Groom is a druggist at Kirk's Hilltop Drug Store. (01-05-1922) Daily Independent

I. N. Lamont, druggist at the Hill Top Kirk Drug Store, married Miss Rebecca J. Nichols, of Belle Vernon, on Tuesday. They will reside on Linden Avenue. (01-06-1922) Monessen News

A marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh yesterday to Michael Hornack, Monessen, and Jennie Parolski, Pittsburgh. (01-06-1922) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Belle Vernon, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Monday. (01-10-1922) Daily Independent

John D. Fellenbaum, Donora, filed for divorce from his wife Katherine citing desertion. They were married on January 25, 1906 in Monessen. (01-11-1922) Daily Independent

Miss Mazie Parks, North Charleroi, married Donald Pool, Massachusetts, at Wellsburg, West Virginia, on November 21, 1921. They reside at 422 Meadow Avenue, Charleroi. (01-12-1922) Daily Independent

A marriage license was given in Pittsburgh yesterday to Harry Jaskol and Bella Cohen. The groom is a former employee of the H. Eisenberg Store. (01-13-1922) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lebowitz, Schoonmaker Avenue, celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary last Thursday. (01-16-1922) Daily Independent

Miss Rose Cramer is engaged to David Turner. (01-20-1922) Monessen News

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Hrenal and Gabor Stasko, both of Monessen took place today at Most Holy Name (Slovak) Catholic Church. They will reside on Highland Avenue. (01-23-1922) Daily Independent

Miss Elizabeth Hrenal and Gabor Stasko, both of Monessen, were wed yesterday at Most Holy Name (Slovak) Catholic Church. (01-24-1922) Monessen News

A marriage license was issued yesterday in Pittsburgh to Russel S. McCready and

Margaret E. McCready, both of Fayette City. (01-25-1922) Daily Independent

Reah J. Spence, Monongahela, and Thomas R. Carter, Charleroi, received a marriage license in Pittsburgh yesterday. (01-27-1922) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharrow, First Street, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on January 31, 1922 with a dinner. They were presented a set of Rogers silver knives and forks. (02-01-1922) Daily Independent

Miss Madeline Sichi and James Fanoni, both of Monessen, eloped today to Wellsburg, West Virginia. (02-06-1922) Daily Independent

A marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh yesterday to Abe Cohen, Youngstown, and Miss Ida Levin, Monessen. They will marry on Sunday. (02-07-1922) Daily Independent

The wedding of George Rosko and Miss Anna Kolvek is today at Most Holy Name (Slovak) Catholic Church. The groom is employed at Pittsburgh Steel. (02-09-1922) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Mary Barna and John Miso occurred Thursday in Pittsburgh. Both are from Monessen. The groom works at Pittsburgh Steel. (02-11-1922) Daily Independent

A marriage license was given to Henry C. Isabel, Charleroi, and Laura S. Reid, Homestead, on Tuesday in Pittsburgh. (02-11-1922) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Ida Levin, Monessen to Abe Cohen, Youngstown, took place last night. The bride worked for the Krasik Store. (02-13-1922) Daily Independent

The wedding of Robert Miller, Belle Vernon, and Miss Florence A. Sherwin, of Reed Avenue, occurred on January 14, 1922, after eloping to Wellsburg, West Virginia. (02-13-1922) Daily Independent

The wedding of George Rosko and Miss Anna Kolvek occurred yesterday at Most Holy Name (Slovak) Catholic Church. (02-14-1922) Monessen News

Miss Ida Levin, clerk at D. Krasik's Jewelers on Donner Avenue, married Abe Cohen, of Youngstown, Ohio on Sunday. (02-14-1922) Monessen News

Robert Miller, Belle Vernon, and Miss Florence Sherwin, Monessen, wed January 14, 1922, at Wellsburg, West Virginia. (02-14-1922) Monessen News

Anna Mentzler, Monessen, filed for divorce from Stephen Mentzler. They were wed on May 24, 1920. (02-15-1922) Daily Independent

Mrs. Anna Mentzler, Monessen, filed for divorce from Stephen Mentzler. They were married in May of 1920. (02-17-1922) Monessen News

A marriage license was given yesterday in Pittsburgh to Louis Harris and Pauline K. Inghram, both of Donora. (02-21-1922) Daily Independent

Miss Helen C. Samberg, Fayette City, is engaged to Armin Friedman, McKeesport. (02-21-1922) Daily Independent

Billy Fowler, formerly of Webster, and Miss Mary Corbett, Webster, went to Wellsburg, West Virginia, on February 7, 1922 to be wed. (02-22-1922) Daily Independent

Miss Minnie Schmieler, Charleroi, has married Milton Eller, Monessen. (02-22-1922) Daily Independent

John T. Irwin, Belle Vernon, and Edna M. Mahoney, Charleroi, were issued a marriage license in Pittsburgh yesterday. (02-23-1922) Daily Independent

Swan Lomax, age 20 and Eleanora Josephine Jackson, age 18, both Monessen African Americans, were united in marriage on Friday at the Greensburg jail house. The groom is spending a month in jail. (02-28-1922) Monessen News

Miss Mildred Robb, Monessen, and Marcel Parmentier, Charleroi, were wed on March 13, 1922, at Cumberland, MD. (03-17-1922) Monessen News

A marriage license was granted in Pittsburgh yesterday to Miss Louise

Chardello, Pittsburgh and Angelo Cardelli, Monessen. The wedding will take place next week. The groom is a baker at Ninth and Knox. (03-21-1922) Monessen News

Miss Marion Anna Elliott, Belle Vernon, and Edwin A. Eason, Charleroi, married on Wednesday. Bride is a Belle Vernon school teacher. The groom works at the Page Woven Wire Fence Company. (03-21-1922) Monessen News

Miss Ann Tucker, Monessen, and Henry Hill, West Newton, were wed some time ago in Wellsburg, West Virginia. (03-24-1922) Monessen News

The wedding of Vincent Isenberg, Monessen, and Miss Hazel Murray, Vestaburg, took place on Wednesday. (03-22-1922) Monessen News

Miss Jeanette Hutchinson and Charles Lender, both of Monessen, married last night in Donora. (03-24-1922) Monessen News

Andrew Lauer, Rostraver Twp., filed for divorce from his wife, Phoebe E. Lauer for desertion. (03-28-1922) Monessen News

A marriage license was obtained in Pittsburgh on Saturday for Beda L. Forsberg and Reinhold Beckman, both of Monessen. (03-28-1922) Monessen News

Herbert Mackey and Miss Lois Kein were married on Wednesday. (04-01-1921) Monessen News

Cyril Sistik, of Monessen, to divorce Barbara Sistik, who he married on April 5, 1915, citing cruel and barbarous treatment, as well as obscene and profane language. (04-06-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Jeannette Nelson, of Monongahela, and Glenn Carson, of Charleroi, were married on Wednesday. (04-08-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Jean Gordon, of Belle Vernon, and Harold Lang, of Bellevue, wed last night. (04-08-1921) Daily Independent

A marriage license was issued on Wednesday in Greensburg to Carl G. Moore and Miss Mary Bogden, both of Monessen. (04-08-1921) Daily Independent

It was announced that Miss Gertha Gaspich and Joseph Baum, the former proprietor of Sanitary Meat Market, wed over a year ago. (04-09-1921) Daily Independent

William E. Lowstutter, of Lock Four, and Miss Mary Gass, of Charleroi, were married today. (04-12-1921) Daily Independent

Graydon Harn, of Monessen, and Miss Hannah Sagers, of New Jersey, married on April 6, 1921. (04-12-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Pauline Steihm, the pianist at the Grand Theatre of Donora, and Robert Voelker, of Monongahela, will take place next Thursday at St. Charles Roman Catholic Church. (04-12-1921) Monessen News

A marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh yesterday to George John, of Monessen, and Mary Fayad, of Pittsburgh. (04-19-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Helen Bacha, of 1224 McMahan Avenue, and John Kuzma, of Duquesne, occurred at the Most Holy Name Catholic Church. (04-19-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Thelma Kennedy, formerly of Monessen, married R. Glenn Biddlestone, of Warren, Ohio, on April 11, 1921. She was formerly a clerk at the Monessen Trust Company. (04-20-1919) Daily Independent

The marriage of William McCready, of Monessen, and Miss Ethel Nicholas, of Belle Vernon, took place in Wellsburg, West Virginia, yesterday. The groom works at the Monessen Ice Plant. (04-21-1921) Daily Independent

Richard Brown, of Monessen, and Miss Lucille Jackman, of Monongahela, eloped to Wheeling, West Virginia yesterday. The groom is a senior at Monessen High School, while the bride is a student at California Normal. (04-22-1921) Daily Independent

Richard Brown, Donner Avenue, and Miss Lucille Jackmann, Monongahela, eloped

yesterday to Wheeling, West Virginia. (04-22-1921) Monessen News

Samuel Manderino, the proprietor of the Sixth Street Fruit Market, and Miss Evelyn Bilotto, of Freedom, were married on Saturday at St. Felix's Church. They will live at 254 Sixth Street. (04-25-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Eleanor Sterling, of Latrobe, wed E. T. Edwards, of Latrobe, on March 31, 1921. The bride is a former Monessen school teacher. (04-26-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Maude Singley and Cornelius McCauley, both of Monessen, will be held this Saturday. They will live at 15 East Schoonmaker. (04-26-1921) Daily Independent (Address differs below)

Miss Maude Singley and Cornelius McCauley were married last Saturday. They will live with the bride's parents at 151 East Schoonmaker. (04-29-1921) Monessen News

Miss Elizabeth Condon, of Monessen, and Harry Dinsmore, of Belle Vernon, eloped today to Wheeling, West Virginia. The bride is employed as a nurse for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. (04-29-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Mary Tomajko, of Charleroi, and John Tomajko, of Irwin, will be on May 2, 1921 in St. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church of Charleroi. The bride has been a bookkeeper for Bornstein and Sklov. (04-30-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Flemming and Cornelius Stevenson, both of Monessen, wed in Wellsburg, West Virginia, on Saturday. (05-02-1921) Daily Independent

A marriage license was issued in Uniontown to Lawrence Lowstutter, of Lock Four, and Miss Mary E. Hough, of Fayette City. (05-02-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Helen Heatter, of Donora, and Lewis Enrachim, of McKeesport, will take place next Sunday. (05-04-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Hazel B. Peters and Paul Carlton McKita, of Charleroi, were married this morning. (05-11-1921) Daily Independent

Mrs. Mary Evans, of Monessen, to divorce Lewis Evans, who she married on June 4, 1904. She cites adulterous practices with Emily D. Sanders, of Charleroi, and others as the reason. (05-11-1921) Daily Independent

Mrs. Mildred Welty, of Monessen, to divorce Emil Welty, who she married on June 15, 1916. She cites cruel and barbarous treatment. (05-11-1921) Daily Independent

A marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh to John Rigby, of Charleroi, and Miss Edith Kelly, a graduate nurse of Belle Vernon. (05-11-1921) Daily Independent

Mae Phillips Paxton was granted a divorce from Dr. C. P. Paxton, of California, on grounds of infidelity. (05-13-1921) Daily Independent

Mrs. Mary Evans filed for divorce from her husband, Lewis Evans. (05-13-1921) Monessen News

Mrs. Mildred Weldy filed for divorce from Emil Weldy. (05-13-1921) Monessen News

Robert Scott, of Belle Vernon, is engaged to Miss Olive Elliott, of New Castle. The groom is a clerk at the Peoples Bank. The wedding will take place on June 20, 1921. (05-17-1921) Daily Independent

Yesterday, Miss Edna Fields, of Monessen, and Howard Gallatin, of Donora, wed in Wheeling, West Virginia. The bride is the bookkeeper for the Monessen Trust Company. (05-17-1921) Daily Independent

Vincent R. Smith, attorney, married Miss Maxine Thompson, of Donora, on May 2, 1921. They eloped to Wheeling, West Virginia. (05-23-1921) Daily Independent

The engagement of Miss Sadie Dinsmore, the Belle Vernon High School teacher, and Otto Greschke was announced. (05-24-1921) Daily Independent

Rachael May Fullerton and Harry Edgar Schrencengost were married yesterday. (05-26-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Judith Ames, of Monessen, married Kirubai Appasamy, of India on Wednesday. The bride is a school teacher in Sunnyside. (05-27-1921) Monessen News

The wedding of Miss Hannah Evans and Robert Kerns, both of Monessen, occurred yesterday at Wellsburg, West Virginia. (06-02-1921) Daily Independent

John Rinaldi and Miss Theresa Galuppi and Pasquale Cianflocco and Miss Restituta Carrozza held a double wedding at St. Cajetan's Roman Catholic Church on Schoonmaker Avenue. (06-07-1921) Monessen News (Name of first couple differs below)

Yesterday, Miss Daisy Calupi and John Rinaldi, were married in St. Cajetan's Roman Catholic Church. The bride is a high school student, while the groom has a clerical position at the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. (06-07-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of S. Marmarinos and Miss Stamatia Mavrakis took place Sunday. (06-07-1921) Daily Independent

Joseph Gray and Elizabeth Izza, of Belle Vernon, wed yesterday. (06-10-1921) Daily Independent

Pasquale Fusco, of Monessen, filed for divorce from Mrs. Rosey Fusco, who were wed on April 9, 1910. He cites adulterous practices with Eugene Trozzi and others. (06-10-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Silvia Irvine and Marta Bonan, of Monessen, were granted a marriage license on Wednesday in Greensburg. (06-10-1921) Monessen News

Miss Hilda Powell and Raymond Kerns wed yesterday in Wellsburg, West Virginia. The bride is employed at A. R. Ney Store and will continue working for several weeks. (06-11-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of Robert Scott, of Belle Vernon, and Miss Olive Elliott, of New Castle, took place today. (06-14-1921) Daily Independent

Yesterday, Miss Mildred Patton, of Monessen, and Charles Lang, of Belle Vernon, were wed. The eloped to Cumberland, Maryland and are juniors at Monessen High School. (06-15-1921) Daily Independent (Later, it was claimed it was a practical joke.)

Sylvester Paul Kunkle filed for divorce from his wife, Ruth E. Kunkle, who he wed on January 31, 1918. He cites cruel and barbarous treatment that made his life a burden. (06-16-1921) Daily Independent

Daniel J. Harris, the pianist at the Star Theatre, and Eleanor G. Rowley, both of Belle Vernon, received a marriage license yesterday in Pittsburgh. (06-17-1921) Daily Independent

Albert Todd, of Monessen, and Miss Bessie M. Younkin, of Charleroi, eloped and wed in Cumberland, Maryland yesterday. (06-22-1921) Daily Independent

Miss Lena Schmidt, of 445 Summit Avenue, and Jack Murphy, of Monessen, married in

Pittsburgh. They will live on Donner Avenue. The bride resigned this week as a general delivery clerk for the post office. (06-22-1921) Daily Independent

Joseph Richter and Margaret E. Taylor, both of Monessen, received a marriage license in Greensburg yesterday. (06-24-1921) Daily Independent

James MacKechnie, of Monongahela, and Miss Thelma Theresa Graul, of Lancaster, wed Friday morning. (06-27-1921) Daily Independent

Albert K. Saylor and Miss Martha H. Stevenson, of Donner Avenue, were married in Pittsburgh yesterday. They will live on Donner Avenue. The groom works at the Olympic Theatre. (06-28-1921) Daily Independent

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Harvey and Alex Irvine will take place on June 30, 1921. (06-28-1921) Monessen News

Miss Cecelia M. Kilcullen, of Donora, and Francis J. Bezy, of Charleroi, wed Tuesday at St. Charles Roman Catholic Church, Donora. (06-28-1921) Monessen News

Miss Pauline Hazlett and William Wentzell have married. (06-29-1921) Daily Independent (Later, the paper said the announcement was incorrect) (06-30-1921) Daily Independent

Spring and early Summer Births of 1921

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scales, East Schoonmaker Avenue, a daughter. (04-08-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Katz, of First Street, a son. (04-11-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall, of Belle Vernon, a daughter. (11 lbs.) (04-12-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. J. Towson, 1225 McMahan Avenue, a son. (04-15-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Prezel, 920 Knox Avenue, a daughter. (8 ½ lbs.) (04-20-1921) Daily Independent (Last name spelled different from the Monessen News announcement)

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson, of 124 Second Street, a daughter. (9 lbs.) (04-20-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McGlashan, a son. (04-20-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scott, of North Charleroi, a daughter. (04-20-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Elfert Carson, a son. (04-20-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Melford Anderson, Edgewood, a daughter. Mother was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nash, former superintendent of Pittsburgh Steel. (04-20-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trendach, of Pricedale, a daughter. (04-22-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Anderson, a daughter. (04-22-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson, 124 Second Street, a daughter. (9 ½ lbs.) (04-22-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pretzel, 920 Knox Avenue, a daughter. (8 ½ lbs.) (04-22-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton, of Donner Avenue, a baby. (04-25-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. George Shrader, Jr. a daughter. (9 lbs.) Resides on the old Manown Farm. (04-25-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Underwood, of McKee Avenue, a son. (10 lbs.) (04-26-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mooney, 161 Schoonmaker Avenue, a son. (04-26-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Underwood, McKee Avenue, a son. (04-26-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Stefanski, 225 Knox Avenue, a son. (9 lbs.) (04-27-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Destefano, a daughter. (04-28-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Zenobe Baudoux, West Monessen, a son. (04-30-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Morgan, Third and Schoonmaker, a daughter. (7 lbs.) (05-02-1921) Daily Independent

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Schilling, a daughter. (05-03-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. George Frese, West Monessen, a son. (05-04-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buleca, East Schoonmaker, a daughter. (05-10-1921) Daily Independent

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Mr. and Mrs. George Dillen, a daughter. (05-14-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smyth, of Delaware Avenue, a son. (05-13-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bickerton, Donner Avenue, a daughter. (05-13-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lohman, a daughter. (05-13-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Worella, Onieda and Donner, a daughter. (05-16-1921)

Mr. and Mrs. James Jewell, of Speers, a daughter. (05-16-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C., Phillips, a son named Byron Clayton. (05-19-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Adams, Schoonmaker Avenue, a son. (05-20-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, a son. (05-21-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Melvin, a son. (05-21-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nillsson, a daughter. (05-25-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Jobs, 544 Donner Avenue, a son. (05-31-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Springer, Belle Vernon, a daughter. (06-07-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Ashton, Knox Avenue, a daughter. (06-07-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Troth, Aliquippa Street, a daughter, (10 lbs.) (06-09-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Crowe, Donner Avenue, a daughter. (06-09-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley, a daughter. (06-09-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Ashton, of Knox Avenue, a daughter. (06-10-1921) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Gasper, 429 Clarendon Avenue, a son. (8 ½ lbs.) (06-16-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson, a son. (06-20-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. William Stoneman, North Charleroi, a daughter. (06-22-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kramer, a son. (06-22-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reed, Belle Vernon, a son. (06-25-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lauderback, Belle Vernon, a daughter. (06-25-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. John Murtha, Lillian Avenue, a son. (8 lbs.) (06-30-1921) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Van Marter, Athalia Street, a daughter. (06-30-1921) Daily Independent

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Monessen Police Crack Down on Street Walkers

By 1921, prostitution was a growing concern in Monessen. Residents claim the Police Department ignored the problem for years. In June, the department acted and launched a crackdown. On the evening of June 8, 1921, police began a roundup of young women of questionable

character. Six women were picked up the first night, while another half dozen retreated in taxis to nearby towns.

Burgess Stewart announced that each woman would be given a blood test and sent back to jail. The first to be arrested was Margaret Howinsky, age seventeen of Pricedale. She has been living in a room on Morgan Avenue rented for her by John Marcus, a taxi driver.

Ruth Frederick, also of Pricedale, is a married woman, whose husband is a police officer at Clairton. In addressing the Burgess, she was impertinent, as he sentenced her to thirty days in the county jail. She replied her brother was already there, and there was plenty of room for everyone.

Jennie Fields, formerly of Monessen, but currently of Cleveland, Ohio, generally gets caught in roundups and had little defense.

Jessie Halkias, sister of Jennie Fields, is married, but her husband is living in West Virginia. She is staying at 240 Donner Avenue in a room furnished by Nick Barkus, another taxi driver. (Police say the room is well known as a meeting place for street walkers)

Beatrice Conners, of 240 Donner Avenue, evaded the question of where she gets her money to make a living.

May Jones, who later said her real name is Viola Edwards, 340 Donner Avenue, claimed she was only returning from a dance, but police said they had to chase her down an alley before the arrest.

On the night of June 11, 1921, police held another roundup. Four more girls of questionable character were picked up.

Bertha Luther, of Seneca Street, was the first taken into custody. At her hearing, she told the Burgess she had a perfect right to walk the streets. She was sent to the county jail and ordered to have a blood test.

Minerva Deitch, a friend of Jennie Fields, who had left town for Pittsburgh, returned and was arrested by the law.

Elizabeth Conroy, a buxom Irish lass, is a widow, who was arrested previously by

Constable McNally. She was picked up at 2 AM.

Mary White, was turned over by the local mill police, after entertaining several mill officers at midnight.

The six previously arrested women received a blood test and have been taken to Greensburg and placed in quarantine.

On Saturday night, June 11, 1921, the police department held another raid and rounded up several others.

Constable McNally arrested Rose Lee, an African American, in Wireton, after noticing a car loaded with young men parked in front of an alleged disorderly house. When ordered to move on, they became abusive and attacked the officer. The arrested were from Lowber. Their names were: Steve Messeloch, Steve Donchey, and John Randoff.

Irene Davis, of Castle Garden, was arrested by the police for the third time. Her companion, Lee Weber will also be given a blood test. Lillian War, a frequent jail guest, will be sent to Greensburg.

A Recipe For You

Suffrage Angel Cake

Adapted from a recipe by Eliza Kennedy in *The Suffrage Cook Book*

Eliza Kennedy was a Pittsburgh-based suffragist. Though not as famous as the mainstream heroes of the movement, Kennedy was such a force in fighting for a variety of local civic causes that her opponents called her a “she-devil.” In between making speeches, serving on a League of Women Voters committee, and planting suffrage gardens, Kennedy also honed her skills making a light, vanilla-inflected angel food cake.

11 egg whites

1 full cup cake flour (or use substitute mentioned below)

1½ cups granulated sugar

1 heaping teaspoon cream of tartar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 pinch of salt

1. Warm things up

First, you'll want room-temperature egg whites, so set the eggs out about an hour

before you'll start baking. When you're ready to start the recipe, preheat the oven to 325 degrees.

2. Sift the flour and sugar

Sift the cake flour nine times. (If you don't have cake flour, take one cup of all-purpose flour, remove two tablespoons and replace with two tablespoons of cornstarch.) Then sift the granulated sugar seven times. Modern cooks can opt instead to pulse the sugar in a food processor. The latter approach also makes the sugar less coarse, which helps ensure the proper structure of the cake. Sift it one or two times afterward to get rid of any remaining lumps.

3. Beat the egg whites into soft peaks

Separate the eggs and beat the egg whites in a bowl. When they've reached a frothy texture, gradually add in the cream of tartar, salt, and sugar until the mixture is light with soft peaks. Then add the vanilla.

4. Make the cake

Sift part of the flour into the bowl of egg whites and fold the whites into the flour. Repeat until all the flour is blended. Put in an ungreased angel food cake pan. Kennedy's recipe calls for putting the cake into an oven “with very little heat,” and gradually increasing the heat every five minutes for 30 total minutes. Instead, you can just cook at 325 degrees for about 30 to 40 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean. Place a plate on your counter and rest the cake pan upside-down to cool (this position prevents the cake from deflating). When it's cool, run a knife around the pan's edge and lightly hit the pan to guide the cake out. For extra flavor, garnish with berries and whipped cream.

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A Look Back at Eisenberg's Dept. Store

Eisenberg's was a department store started in Monessen in 1908 by Henry and Lena Eisenberg. It remained in operation until 1997 and was a fixture in the downtown business district. The store was located on the corner of Schoonmaker and Fourth. Today, the building houses apartments.



Henry Eisenberg in front of his store.



