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LOCAL ITEMS.

Those of our subscribers who intend changing their Postoffice address this spring are requested to give us timely notice of the fact, and in doing so give us the old as well as the new address.

Mr. Grant W. Spencer has been appointed deputy game warden for Woolery's district, by Governor Smith.

Mrs. Mary L. Stricker, widow of Samuel Stricker, of Gamber, has been granted a United States pension of $12 per month.

Mr. George H. Davis has become a partner of his brother, Mr. Walter H. Davis, in the Walter H. Davis Co., West Main and John streets, this city.

The Maryland Telephone Company has placed a phone in Mr. Harry F. Mitten's place of business at Wakefield and made it a pay station.

During the month of March 74 deeds, 38 mortgages and 11 bills of sale were received for record at the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court, and 28 marriage licenses were issued.

The Citizens' Water Company of Westminster has a force of workmen employed repairing the milldam, at Cranberry Station, broken by the high water last Monday week.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, on Thursday, to Mr. Oliver S. Shue, of Hampstead, and Amanda E. Watts, of Baltimore.

Mr. George G. Little has been elected sexton of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city, by the consistory, to succeed Mr. Wm. Knadler, who has moved to Keedysville, Washington county.

Information has been received in this city by relatives of Mr. Isaac Shriver, son of the late Francis Shriver, that he recently fell from the hayloft, at his home in Connecticut, and fractured one of his ankles.

Dr. R. B. Weaver, of Philadelphia, and Miss Belle Piggott, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. Rinehary, of Frizellburg, on account of the very extremely critical illness of Mrs. Rinehart.

The Circuit Court for Carroll county has passed a decree granting Mr. Daniel Seipp, near Houcksville, a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from his wife, Eliza Ann Seipp. Geo. L. Stocksdale, Esq., was counsel for the complainant.

Co. H, of the First Regiment M. N. G., will hold a festival and bazar, at its armory in Frizellburg, on Easter Monday, afternoon and evening, concluding with a dance which will be given simultaneously with the festival, during the hours of the evening.

Messrs. David E. Walsh and Francis Neal Parke sold on Saturday last, as trustees, 41 acres of land and a log dwelling house, at Patapsco, to Mr. Charles E. Bowman, for $330. Mr. Walsh and Bond & Parke were the solicitors, and Mr. Nicholas J. Walsh auctioneer.

Rev. S. Simpson, Ph. D., county school examiner, has purchased the second lot southeast of Center street, on Willis street, this city, and is about to have a handsome dwelling house erected upon it, after a design made by Mr. Paul Reese, architect. Workmen began making the excavation for the foundation yesterday.

The Westminster Fire Department, at its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, decided to attend the convention of the Maryland State Volunteer Firemen's Association, at Frederick, in June, with 50 members and a band of 40 pieces. The department will participate in most of the contests incident to the meeting of the convention.

Rev. D. G. Miller, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, this city, is in attendance at the annual meeting of the Baltimore Conference, now in session in the First M. E. Church, Baltimore, and Rev. L. F. Warner, pastor of the M. P. Church, is attending the Maryland Annual Conference of that denomination in session at Pocomoke City.

The replevin suit of Mrs. Lizzie V. Shipley, wife of Mr. Warren L. Shipley, formerly of this county, against John Sherman, of Baltimore city, was tried in the Baltimore City Court on Wednesday last. The verdict was for the plaintiff. The case involved the ownership of a $700 note. Charles E. Fink, Esq., of the Carroll county bar, was attorney for the plaintiff.

R. F. Zentz, the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. Robert Zentz, of this county, died on Sunday last, from a rheumatic affection dating back several years, when he suffered the amputation of one of his legs, which was diseased. His remains were taken to Thurmont and interred in the burial ground of the United Brethren Church at that place on Tuesday. Rev. W. S. T. Metzger conducted the funeral service.

At their meeting on Monday the County Commissioners appointed Mr. Oliver D. Birely road commissioner in Middleburg district, in place of Mr. Jesse P. Weybright, declined, and Mr. W. H. Harrison road commissioner in Mt. Airy district, in place of Mr. Loyd S. Buckingham, declined. A special pension of $5 was granted to Ann M. Brown, of Union Bridge district. Other business transacted was of routine character.

In the Burt Labeling Machine Company vs. The William H. Leister Manufacuring Company, in the United States Circuit Court, in Equity, for an infringement of patent for can labeling machines, Judge Morris passed an order on Saturday dismissing the bill of complaint and putting the costs on the plaintiff. Mr. William H. Leister, of this city, is president of the defendant company and the patentee of the patents in question. Messrs. Applegarth, Herman & Reifsnider, of Baltimore, and Reifsnider & Grimes, of this city, were counsel for the defendant company.

Grant Chew and Daniel Bush, held last week for a hearing on a charge of having assaulted and robbed George T. Noel, of this city, were before Justice William Moore on Tuesday when Noel testified that the affair occurred in Chew's kitchen, at Patapsco; that Chew knocked him down and took his watch and about $4.50 in money. He afterward recovered the watch by paying Chew's wife $1. Other witnesses also testified and it was shown that the only part taken by Bush in the affair was an effort to protect Noel. He was, therefore, discharged from custody, but Justice Moore committed Chew to jail in default of $500 bail for the action of the grand jury. State's Attorney Weant appeared for the State and Guy W. Steele, Esq., for the defendants.

The apricot and a few peach trees in this vicinity are in blossom.

During this week many changes of residence have taken place in this city and elsewhere in this county.

The grain fields of this county have rarely been more promising in springtime than they are at present.

Mr. J. E. Evans, of Carrollton, has resigned his position as vice president of the County S. S. Association and president of Woolery's District Sunday School Association, on account of press of business, and Mr. K. R. Taylor has been appointed in his stead.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the Sunday School rally to be held to-morrow, 5th inst., at Sandy Mount M. P. Church. The program of the occasion will include a Sunday School experience meeting, at 9.30 A. M., conducted by the county president, Mr. Jesse P. Garner; a Sunday School sermon, at 10.30 A. M., by the State superintendent, Rev. George H. Nock; a children's rally at 2.30 P. M., which will be addressed by the State superintendent and county president, and a grand Sunday School mass meeting at 7.30.

A heavy rainstorm prevailed in this locality on Monday. It began about daylight, hail falling at the beginning for a time, with a temperature very near the freezing point. During the afternoon the wind increased to a gale, but toward nightfall partially subsided. It did but little damage in the county. Tuesday brought clearing weather and March ended in a rather quiet manner. It will be remembered that the first day of the month was a stormy one, hence it maintained, on this occasion, its ancient reputation that "coming in as a lion it went out as a lamb."

What is a Man Worth? was the subject of a lecture by Dr. James Hedley, in the chapel of Maryland Collegiate Institute at Union Bridge, on Saturday evening last, of which persons who were present speak in enthusiastic terms. The chapel was filled with an appreciative and intelligent audience, among whom was quite a little company from this city, and all were kept enthralled for nearly two hours by the eloquent speaker. Dr. Hedley is justly entitled to be regarded as among the foremost lecturers of the country, and the authorities of the Collegiate Institute are to be congratulated and commended for having given citizens of Union Bridge and other localities in this and Frederick counties an opportunity to hear him.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which had been in session at Fredericksburg, Va., adjourned on Tuesday evening. The statistics of the conference show a total membership of 53,180; Sunday School scholars, 41,112; contributions to foreign missions, $10,084; contributions to home missions, $8,131; contributions to the Bible cause, $509. The conference will meet next year at Alexandria, Va. Among the appointments announced at the closing session were: Reisterstown, Rev. J. F. Baggs, Rev. F. H. Shippley, (supply;) Freedom, Rev. W. J. Whitehill; Linganore, Rev. W. E. Miller, one to be supplied by C. Maddox. Bishop A. Colle Smith presided over the sessions of the conference.

A partial eclipse of the moon will occur on Saturday evening next, most of which will be visible in the United States, though its earlier phases will take place before the moon rises. The eclipse will begin at 5.34 P. M., Eastern standard time and, as seen from Washington, the moon will rise about 6 o'clock with nearly half her face in the shadow. The middle of the eclipse will be at 7.13 P. M., by which time it will be visible as far west as Pittsburg. At 8.52 the moon will leave the shadow and can then be seen as far west as Denver. At 10 o'clock she will leave the penumbra and be visible throughout the country. At its greatest phase the eclipse will be nearly total, as all but one-fortieth of the moon's diameter will then be immersed in the earth's shadow.

On the first page of the SENTINEL this week will be found an interesting article on the City of Ephesus, written by Elder Wm. E. Roop, of Meadow Branch, from data gathered by him while in Asia Minor several years ago. Elder Roop brought back with him numerous relics and curiosities obtained during his trip, which he kindly exhibited to the SENTINEL a few days ago. Among these are several snapshot photos of scenery, including a view of the custom house and harbor of Smyrna, described in the article written for this paper, and several views of the site of Ephesus, with ruins and other objects of interest. A group of three native men and a youth, photographed on the site of Ephesus, is of particular interest, on account of its delineation of the appearance of the present inhabitants of the once famous place

Several weeks ago the SENTINEL stated that Messrs. Lantz Brothers and Mr. West, hucksters at New Windsor, had each shipped eighteen hundred dozen of eggs to Baltimore in a single week and that they must be regarded as the champion egg shippers of the county until somebody reported a greater number. This has now been done by Mr. Herbert Essig, of Stonersville, who last week gathered and shipped 2,825 dozen, all of which were gotten from private sources, not a single one having been obtained from a storekeeper or other dealer of any kind. This, of course, beats the record of the New Windsor hucksters and makes Mr. Essig the champion egg shipper of the county. The egg product of late, however, has been so enormous that it might be a rash assertion to say that the quantity handled by him in a week cannot be exceeded. Can anybody report a greater?

Tomorrow will be Palm Sunday, representing the triumphal entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem amid the waving of palms and the hosannas of the multitude. The term Passion, sometimes applied to the week it begins, which is also Holy week, is said in Blunt's Dictionary of Doctrine and History of Theology to belong properly to the suffering which Jesus underwent "during the fifteen or more hours between the night of the Last Supper and three o'clock on the following afternoon, beginning with His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and ending with His death upon the Cross." According to the Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia the second Sunday before Easter is designated Passion Sunday by the Catholic Church, "because the special commemoration of Christ's Passion then begins," and Passion Week is "the fifth week of Lent, from Passion Sunday to Palm Sunday."

Birthday Anniversary Surprise.

Mr. James M. Stoner was given an enjoyable surprise party at his home on Pennsylvania avenue on Tuesday evening, in honor of the forty-third anniversary of his birthday, by quite a number of his friends from this city and elsewhere, who gave him a happy time and themselves spent a very pleasant evening indulging in various parlor games, social conversation and music. Refreshments were served in abundance and of tempting character. At a late hour the guests retired to their homes after conveying to Mr. Stoner their best wishes for the return to him of many such occasions. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Koontz, Mrs. George W. Stoner, of Frizellburg; Mrs. Will E. Staub, of Frederick; Mr. and Mrs. James M. Stoner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stem, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Eckenrode, Mr. and Mrs. Elias N. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Shuman, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Eckenrode, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Utz, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mitten, Mrs. Wm. Coon, Mrs. Pius C. Yingling, Mrs. Jehu Utz, Misses Mamie Taylor, Maggie Eckenrode, Ella Yingling, Messrs. Bert Wisner, Jos. E. Eckenrode and Mr. Mover.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MATTER remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Md., March 28th, 1903:

Goldbarce, Miss Angeline — Mascicott, Mr. Harry
Haines, Mr. Francis — Roop, Miss Laura
Kilchner, Mrs. Francis — Siegel, Mr. Jos. A.
Mackey, Miss Emma — Wagner, Pius C.
Marken, J. R.

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised.

GEO. E. BAUGHMAN, P. M.

Baltimore Conference M. E. Church.

Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, of St. Louis, Mo., is presiding over the deliberations of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, now in session at the First Church, St. Paul and 22nd streets, Baltimore. Thus far the proceedings of the conference have been mainly preliminary to its real work. The officers, who were elected on Wednesday, are Rev. George E. Maydwell, secretary; assistants named by the secretary, Revs. John T. Ensor, F. R. Isaac, V. N. Ridgely, J. R. Edwards; treasurer, Rev. Edward Hayes; assistants, Revs. W. G. Herbert, Frank G. Porter and H. F. Downs.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Baldwin, presiding elder of the West Baltimore district, reported that during his six years' term there had been 5,353 conversions in the district and that of this number 4,322 united with the M. E. Church. There are 57 Epworth Leagues in the district, with a membership of 3464, and 22 Junior Leagues, with a membership of 1224.

As Dr. Baldwin has served to the term limit his successor will be appointed at this meeting of the Conference. It is said that Rev. Dr. L. B. Wilson, of Foundry Church, Washington, will probably be appointed.

Maryland Annual Conference M. P. Church.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church began its seventy-fifth regular session, at Pocomoke City, on Wednesday. Rev. Dr. F. T. Little was re-elected president for the ensuing year, and W. S. Phillips, secretary. There are 9 candidates for admittance to the conference, as follows: D. M. Dibble, P. W. Crosby, F. P. Krauss, Claiborne Phillips, R. L. Shipley, E. L. Burce, H. C. Staley, W. F. J. Litsinger and George J. Hooker.

The conference sermon was delivered by Rev Dr. T. H. Lewis, and it was decided to have it printed in book form and given a wide circulation throughout the United States. Dr. Lewis stated that the membership of the church is 184,000, representing a growth of 700 per cent. since its organization in 1828. It has 1,600 ministers and 2,400 churches.

Rev. L. F. Warner, of this city, was appointed a member of the committee on education.

At Thursday's session the report of the executive committee of the Church Home for Aged People at Westminster, Md., brought out several animated speeches. This institution is supported entirely from voluntary contributions, there being no assessment on the district for its support. Each church is required to contribute $5 annually, but for the last year or so there has been some laxity in this respect. The home has lately been improved and is now in first-class condition for accomodating the aged of the church.

Further Proceedings in a Turnpike Case.

Upon petition of Messrs. Milton O. Myers and Howard Devilbiss a jury, summoned by Sheriff Crawford to investigate the condition of that part of the Liberty and New Windsor turnpike lying in this county, after viewing the highway and taking testimony found as follows: "And thereupon the jurors aforesaid did find that the condition of the whole and of all parts of the road bed of said Turnpike Company, lying in Carroll county, between the stream called Sam's Creek and the corporate limits of the town of New Windsor, to be as follows:—The distance from the corporate limits of New Windsor to the stream called Sam's Creek, is about 2½ miles, a toll gate is erected and maintained on the portion of the turnpike about one quarter of a mile from New Windsor, where toll is collected by the company from those traveling over the pike; the condition of the pike is the same on both sides of the gate, and is as follows in places:—It is not fifteen feet wide, and that in many places the road needs immediate repair and stone broken, and that said portion of the road bed of said turnpike has been in such condition for at least two years."

Messrs. Louis P. Slingluff, Gustavus Barnes, Pius Babylon, David Zepp, Joshua Smith and Joseph L. Englar were the jurors. Guy W. Steele, Esq., represented the petitioners and Chas. E. Fink, Esq., the defendant company. The inquisition and return were filed on the 25th ult., and on the 31st ult. a motion to quash was made by the defendant's counsel. The motion will be argued before Judge Thomas and, if overruled, the case will probably be taken before the Circuit Court at the May term for a regular trial by jury. Great interest, it is said, is being manifested in the proceedings by citizens residing along the turnpike.

Court of Appeals.

Among the decisions of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, this week, were the following in cases taken up from this county:

By Judge Briscoe—The Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank of Westminster against David W. Hunter, appealed from the Circuit Court for Carroll county. This is a suit on a promissory note, and the Court of Appeals reversed the lower court.

By Judge Schmucker—In the matter of the appeal of Joseph M. Reaver and James B. Reaver, executors named in the paper writing purporting to be the will of Washington Reaver, appealed from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county. The court decides in this matter a point never before raised directly before the Court of Appeals of Maryland—whether or not the attestation of a will is valid where the witness signs by making a crossmark. The lower court refused to admit the will to probate on this account, but the Court of Appeals holds that it was clearly in error, and the authority of the English and many American cases is to the effect that the execution by making a mark is valid. The action of the Orphans' Court in this case was purely formal and was based upon the desire of the judges to obtain the judgment of the highest court of the State upon a point never before at issue here.

Among the other decisions handed down by the Court of Appeals this week was in the case of Robert Shriver against Comptroller Hering, on appeal from the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county. This was the case in which the appellant sued for a writ of mandamus to compel the Comptroller to distribute the State school fund assigned to white schools in proportion to the number of white pupils in the county, and not according to both the white and black school population. The decision of the lower court refusing the writ of mandamus was affirmed.

For the Sentinel.

Flag Presented.

Western Maryland Council No. 79, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Westminster, presented the Keysville school with a Bible and national flag on Friday afternoon, March 27. Rev. A. Bateman, Ph. D., of Taneytown, delivered the address of welcome and entertained those present in his usual happy style giving some wholesome advice to all. The presentation address was delivered by Claude Tilden Smith, Esq., of the Westminstsr bar. Among the valuable things he said was: Girls and boys study, improve your time, as your school days come but once to prepare you for fields of future usefulness." The addresses were interspersed with patriotic songs and recitations rendered by the pupils. A great deal of taste was displayed in decorating the school room with bunting, pine, ferns and potted plants, which made a most beautiful effect and was greatly admired by the visitors. The Keysville Drum Corps was present and the occasion was enlivened with a number of bright selections. At the close of the program all assembled in front of the school-building, where the "Starry Banner" was unfurled to the breeze beneath the blue canopy of heaven. The National Hymn was sung as the flag reached its lofty destination upon the shaft of the neat and substantial bell tower. The flag is 5 by 7 feet and is handsomely made of all wool bunting. May its presence inculcate the principles of good government in the hearts of the pupils. The Bible is a valuable one and the type clear and legible. The book is an inestimable gift from God to man. In revealing God it has given us the key which unlooks the profoundest mysteries of creation and tells us of that land from whence no traveler ever returns.

Uniontown Items.

Dr. David Hoff and wife moved from town to Union Bridge on Tuesday, locating there temporarily, while the doctor is taking a course of surgery in Baltimore.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Ann Stouffer Sullivan, widow of David Sullivan, took place here on Thursday. She was a daughter of the late David Stouffer, and formerly of our town. Two sisters survive her and are residents here, Mrs. Amanda Slonaker and Mrs. Nathaniel Heck. Services were conducted in the Church of God, of which denomination she was a member, by the pastor, Rev. John D. Clark. Interment in Hill Cemetery. She is survived by two children, Mrs. Jacob Roop and Mr. David Sullivan, with whom she made her home and where she died in her eighty-fourth year.

Mrs. Mollie Hesson has resumed her duties as assistant school teacher after a severe attack of grip.

Rev. C. E. McCullough, of the M. P. Church, went to Baltimore on Tuesday enroute for the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, in session at Pocomoke City.

Mrs. Thomas H. Routson, who was visiting her son and family in Buckeystown, returned home on Thursday.

Mr. William Stoner, of Hanover, Pa., student at Union Bridge M. C. I., was the guest of Carroll Weaver over Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. Benton Flater moved his family ou Tuesday to the farm he bought of Mr. Joseph Foutz, of Westminster. We welcome them again to our vicinity. Mr. Greenberry Ecker moved his family from the same farm, same day, to Mrs. Elizabeth Roop's farm, formerly occupied by Mr. Thomas Fritz and family.

On Tuesday Mr. Eli Hull moved his family to the house recently bought of Mrs. Mary Garber, vacated by Mr. Uriah Zent, at Woodside.

Mr. Jesse Arnold, of Baltimore, moved his family to the house recently vacated by Mr. John William Haines' family, near Westminster, on Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Franklin was the guest Mr. William Segafoose's family on Tuesday.

Mrs. William H. Segafoose visited friends in Taneytown during the past week, a guest of Mrs. Sarah Babylon.

Dr. Luther Kemp and Mr. Harry Weaver attended the Masonic Lodge meeting in Union Bridge, Tuesday evening.

On account of the absence of the pastor there will be no preaching service in the M. P. Church next Sunday night.

On account of not being rightly informed there was an error in the report of the M. P. Church trustees. I should have said Mr. Marshall G. Shaw, instead of Mr. W. A. Shaw, and omitted the names of two of the trustees, Mr. Benton Myerly and Mr. Morrison D. Smith.

Miss Ellena Zent spent a few days at home during the week. She has accepted a position as traveling saleswoman for a Baltimore house.

Miss Maude Wagner, one of our popular dressmakers, we regret to learn has left town and gone to Baltimore to be instructed as a trained nurse.

For the Sentinel.

A Surprise Party.

A very enjoyable surprise party was given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Nelson, near Henryton, on Tuesday evening, March 31st, in honor of their daughters, Misses Lucy and Mollie, by their many friends, and was largely attended. Games and music were indulged in until eleven o'clock, when the assembled guests were invited to the dining room, where a table loaded with all the delicacies of the season greeted the sight. After partaking of the bounteous repast they again repaired to the parlor and continued their merrymaking until the wee sma' hours of the morning of April 1st, when a very jolly time was spent and then the happy party, having heartily thanked their host and hostess, returned to their respective homes. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Sutch, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wilson, Misses Lucye Nelson, Mollie Nelson, Carrie Dell, Bettie Holbrook, Rosie Helwick, Lottie Carr, Grace Davis, Louisa Holbrook, Annie Reherryer, Mame Klauss, Carra Anderson, Lula Parsley, Elsie Carr, Lillie Nelson, Nellie Hamilton, Cora Sutch, Elsie Dell, Messrs. Ollie Nelson, George Ehlers, Maurice Sighter, Norman Dell, Eugene Wheats, Milton Holbrook, Garfield Herrera, Leslie Ehlers, Harry Nelson, Louis Bair, Daniel Arrington, Herbert Holbrook, Charles Dell, Keener Nelson, Luther Sutch, Norman Hamilton, Stirling Wilson.

Winfield Items.

Mr. J. P. Waltz is on the sick list.

Mr. Aubrey J. Stem is improving his property with a very substantial barn.

Miss Debbie Zile returned home on Thursday, the 26th ultimo., from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Westminster and Baltimore.

Mr. Rufus W. Flickinger, who had been living on one of Sheriff Crawford's farms, north of town, for several years past, moved on Wednesday to the farm recently purchased by him from Mr. Michael McCaffrey, and which is situated near Lover's. We were sorry to see Mr. Flickinger leave us.

Pickett Post, G. A. R., and Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., of Winfield, are making active preparations for their annual Decoration day exercises. Hon. Edwin Warfield, of Howard county, and Hon. Henry Forsythe, Jr., of Baltimore, have been secured as speakers and two others are yet to be selected.

The oyster supper given by the friends of Winfield Academy, in the hall, Saturday evening, 28th ult., was the most satisfactory one of the season. An excellent supper was served. A short and delightful entertainment was furnished by the students of the academy, and the Elite Orchestra furnished music for the evening. The handsome prize cake, which was made in Baltimore for the occasion, was won by Miss Debbie Zile.

Gist Items.

The recent wet weather has put the farmers back with their spring work.

Mr. D. E. McQuay has his sawmill at Mr. George Brown's, near Sykesville, this week, engaged in sawing out a barn frame for Mr. Brown.

The members of Washington Camp No 20, P. O. S. of A., of Gist, will present a flag and Bible to the public school at Pool's on Friday, 3rd inst. An appropriate program has been arranged by Misses Koontz and Coppersmith, teachers of the schools of Gist and Pool's.

Sunday School was organized at Harmony Grove on Sunday, March 29th, by the election of the following officers: Class leader, Mr. Nicholas Wilson; superintendent, Mr. Wm. F. Jordan; assistant superintendent, Mr. Lewis J. Barnes; secretary, Miss Sadie E. Shipley; assistant secretary, Miss Ella Paynter; treasurer, Miss Ella Magin; librarian, Miss Edith Smith; assistant, Claude Tilden Smith, Esq., of the Westminstsr bar. Among the valuable things he said was: Girls and boys study, improve your time, as your school days come but once to prepare you for fields of future usefulness." The addresses were interspersed with patriotic songs and recitations rendered by the pupils. A great deal of taste was displayed in decorating the school room with bunting, pine, ferns and potted plants, which made a most beautiful effect and was greatly admired by the visitors. The Keysville Drum Corps was present and the occasion was enlivened with a number of bright selections. At the close of the program all assembled in front of the school-building, where the "Starry Banner" was unfurled to the breeze beneath the blue canopy of heaven. The National Hymn was sung as the flag reached its lofty destination upon the shaft of the neat and substantial bell tower. The flag is 5 by 7 feet and is handsomely made of all wool bunting. May its presence inculcate the principles of good government in the hearts of the pupils. The Bible is a valuable one and the type clear and legible. The book is an inestimable gift from God to man. In revealing God it has given us the key which unlooks the profoundest mysteries of creation and tells us of that land from whence no traveler ever returns.

Shipley Items.

The weather has been springlike for several days and some of our early truckers have planted their onions and sowed their peas.

It has been very seasonable and our grain fields are looking fine.

Movers are on the stir and some have located. Mr. Reuben Barnes, of Warfieldsburg, has rented Mr. E. G. Shipley's tenant house, near Shipley, and moved thereto. Mr. James Barber, near Westminster, has moved on Mr. Geo. A. Shipley's farm, near Gist.

In the absence of Rev. P. J. Shrvier, the preacher in charge, Rev. Grove J. Shipley preached at Calvary Lutheran Church, Woodbine; St. Paul's, Taylorsville, and Messiah, at Berret, on March 29th, to large and appreciative audiences.

Our public school, which is still well attended, was photographed on Tuesday with 34 present.

Some farmers have sown their oats and planted early potatoes.

Rev. C. J. Burdette, pastor of Deer Park Circuit, went to conference on March 31st.

Mr. Ephraim Williams lost a valuable young mare, last week, from paralysis.

Delegates to Laymen's Association.

Among the delegates accredited to the Laymen's Association of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which met yesterday in the chapel of the Woman's College, Baltimore, were the following from this county:

Hampstead.—James W. Taylor, J. B. Bentz, Robert Shugars, T. W. Buehman and John W. Abbott.

Mt. Airy.—W. H. Hood, W. J. Purdum, J. R. Molesworth, Nicholas Albaugh and T. M. Waltz.

Patapsco.—George P. Long, E. M. Mellor, S. M. Shipley, Wm. Sheppard and John E. Gaither.

Union Bredge.—Charles Wilhide and Dr. M. M. Norris.

Westminster.—Charles C. Gorsuch, J. Belt Townsend, J. E. Shreeve, Col. S. K. Herr and George R. Gehr.

Linganore Circuit, Frederick county, was represented by W. E. Ecker and J. T. Bowers; Liberty, by Edwin Devilbiss, J. L. McMaster, C. C. Hann and J. H. Stauffer; Thurmont, by Basil C. Gibson, W. H. Fuss and Charles R. Stocksdale.

WEDDING BELLS.

Hoffacker-Bosley.

Miss Ella S. Bosley, daughter of Mr. B. F. Bosley of Greenmount, and Mr. Harry B. Hoffacker, official court reporter of the Carroll county courts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Hoffacker, of Manchester, were married at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage of the First German United Evangelical Church, Baltimore, by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Eyster. Miss M. Margaret Marsh was bridesmaid and Mr. Albert Shultz best man. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffacker will make their future home in this city.

Myers-Wantz.

Miss E. Grace Wantz, daughter of Mr. R. Jacob Wantz, near Fountain Valley, and Mr. David F. Myers, of Frizellburg, were married at the parsonage of Salem charge, Lutheran Church, Westminster, by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Doty, at 4 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, March 29th. The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of light blue broadcloth, trimmed in white silk and braid, with hat and gloves to match, and carried white carnations. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Myers left by a train of the Western Maryland Railroad, for Baltimore, Washington and other places. Their future home will be in Frzellburg. They have the best wishes of their many friends for ther happiness and prosperity.

Berrett Items.

Berrett is a thriving little town situated on the Washington road, 12 miles south of Westminster, and in full view of a half dozen farms that would reflect credit upon any neighborhood. It has a Methodist Protestant Church, a public school, a parsonage occupied by the pastor of Freedom Charge Lutheran Church, a store, a huckster, a blacksmith and one retired farmer in the person of Mr. John H. Conaway.

We have had very springlike weather through March, of which the farmers are making good use, by hauling, stump pulling and ploughing.

Mrs. Rachel A. Shipley has sold her house and lot of land containing 6 acres, at Berrett, to Mr. Robert A. Shipley, for $490.

Mr. Grafton Day and family have moved from Berrett to Baltimore.

A Mr. Duvall is to move into the house vacated by Mr. Day.

Miss Norma Fleming is visiting her sister, Mrs. William A. Dorsey, Jr., at Berrett.

Mrs. Henry C. Cook, who has been sick for the last two weeks, is convalescent.

Mr. George Gist will move on Monday to the vicinity of Finksburg.

Miss Minnie Hymiller visited her aunt, Mrs. N. Franklin, of Weldon, Frederick county, on Sunday.

Mrs. B. W. Hughes, of Hoods Mill, is improving from an attack of the grip.

Miss Goldie Hughes, of Hoods Mill, is paying the Misses Hymiller a visit for the summer.

Misses Cora Hymiller and Goldie Hughes visited Mrs. Robert Hughes on Sunday.

Pleasant Valley Items.

Mrs. Frances Jordan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joseph P. Yingling.

Mrs. Levi Myers spent from Wednesday until Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Phil. Fowler, in Baltimore, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erb, of Indiana, are visiting friends and relatives around here.

Mr. Jacob Lawyer is lying very ill at this writing, with little hope of his recovery. Mrs. A. P. Helwig is also on the sick list.

Another store has been added to our village, Mr. Upton E. Myers having opened in the Senft building, which had been used as a school room.

Rev. Wm. H. Ehrhart will have his regular spring communion here on Easter Sunday at 10 o'clock. Preparatory services on Good Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He will also have special services here Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 8th and 9th, at 7.30.

Rev. James B. Stonesifer will have his communion on Sunday after Easter. Preparatory services on Saturday afternoon. Also services on Good Friday morning.

Movings are about over now for this season. There have not been many changes around here. It seems that all in this village like their homes too well to exchange.

Mr. Charles Fisher, who recently moved to Woodberry, is back on a visit.

Mr. Edwin Miller, who is employed at Pittsburg, is home on a two-weeks' vacation.

For the Sentinel.

An Enjoyable Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimes was the scene of a very enjoyable party on Wednesday night, April 1st. The party was well attended and games and party plays were indulged in until a late hour when refreshments were served in abundance, after which the happy guests, having heartily thanked the host and hostess, returned to their respective homes well pleased with the evening's enjoyment. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Grimes and son Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Grove J. Shipley, Mrs. Mary S. Hook, Misses Lizzie Williams, Minnie Freyman, Pearl Hoff, Icydene Easton, Pearl Shipley, Gertrude Hook, Gertrude Shipley, Daisy Shipley, Pleasant Shipley, Sadie Shipley, Minnie Wagner, Clara Wagner, Gladys Hook, Bessie Shipley, Messrs. Grant Hook, George Wolf, Herschel Pool, Chas. Reese, Harry Hughes, Willie Hughes, George Hook, Joseph Haines, Albert Smith, John Jordan, John Snider, James Snider, Herschel Arnold, William Davis, Lester Waltz, Chas. Ruppert, Willie Ruppert, Urner Shipley, Mack Shipley, Luther Zahn, C. M. Waltz, Oliver Caples, Harvey Davis, Byron Wagner, Orville Zepp, Charles Bremer, Willie Reese, Marshall Carr, John Baker, John McClellan and others.

Miller's Items.

Mr. Noah Warner has improved his kitchen by giving it a neat coat of paint.

Mr. Isaiah Miller is preparing to build a new barn in the near future. Messrs. Baily & Sons, of New Freedom, will do the work.

Miss Minnie Hoover is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hoover, in Bachman's Valley.

Mr. E. B. Hohf has moved his family to New Freedom, Pa., and Mr. Geo. Trout, of Manchester, has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Hohf.

Mrs. Geo. Kerchner is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Gertie Folk, near Alesia, entertained a number of her friends from Miller's and Alesia, Sunday last.

Mr. Wm. Frank, of Bachman's Valley, spent Sunday last visiting his parents here.

Mr. Richard Deagen spent Saturday last visiting relatives at Hanover.

Miss Alverta Miller and niece are visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Geo. Deagen is ill with the grip at this writing.

Mr. James Warner and son Chas., of Oakland Mills, spent a day here last week,

Patapsco Items.

The remains of Mr. Jacob S. Taylor, were brought here from Woodberry on the 27th ult., and were interred in the burial ground of Union Bethel, after funeral services conducted by Rev. Mr. Fultz, pastor of the United Brethren Church at Woodberry, assisted by Rev. Dr. T. B. Tyler, of the Church of God. Mr. Taylor was a member of the council of the Jr. Order American Mechanics at Woodberry and a delegation of the council had charge of the remains and acted as pallbearers. Mr. Taylor spent his boyhood days in this neighborhood and was always quiet and well behaved in his manner and conduct. For a number of years before his death he was a member of the United Brethren Church. For four or five years he was a great sufferer from a running sore in his side, but continued at work until the holidays, and manifested great fortitdde in his affliction. He leaves a wife and two small children.

A fine rain fell here on Monday and the grain fields are presenting a very promising appearance.

Fruit buds are beginning to show on the trees in an apparently vigorous manner, but some of our prophets say they have been injured by cold weather.

Mr. Nimrod Green has put up a nice wire fence around his orchard and Mr. John A. Chew is having a fine board fence put up around his pear orchard.

Taylorsville Items.

Messrs. William Barnes and Burgess Condon have purchased two very fine highbred horses of Mr. Buckey, at public sale, near Liberty. The prices they paid are still in the guess-box. They have very fast records, Mr. Barnes' having made a half mile in 50 seconds, Mr. Condon's in 51 seconds.

Miss A. Amelia Barnes has finished a quilt that has 3,300 squares.

Ice froze over water last Friday night, the 27th inst.

Mr. Geo. E. Wright has purchased a very fine mare of Mr. Henry Clary, near Mt. Airy. Mr. Reese Farver has also purchased a very fine colt.

Miss Annie Dorsey is on the sick list.

Rev. C. E. Dudrear preached his farewell sermon at Taylorsville M. E. Church on Sunday, 29th inst.

Personal.

Miss Lelia Albaugh, of Manchester, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Fannie Buffington, of Middleburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. H. Mitten, 917 E. street, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Harry C. Gorsuch, of Martinsburg, W. Va., spent several days this week with