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LOCAL ITEMS.

Do not forget the Citizens' Meeting to be held at 7.30 o'clock tonight, at Odd Fellows' Hall, to nominate Mayor and Common Council.

Messrs. T. W. Mather & Sons are having the front of their store in this city painted. Mr. Chas. E. Bowers is doing the work.

Mr. William D. Henry is having his residence and that of his son, Mr. C. Carroll Henry, on Liberty street, this city, repainted.

The selling price of beef and other fresh meats has been advanced by the butchers of this city 1 and 2 cents per pound. They give as a reason for the advance, the scarcity of stock.

Mr. John T. Louey has moved to the farm formerly owned by Mr. Emanuel Arnold, near Reese, which he purchased from Mr. Arnold a few weeks before the latter's death.

The commissions of notaries public, election supervisors, justices of the peace and school commissioners of this county were received at the Clerk's office, on Wednesday.

The weather was very cold during the earlier part of this week, with high winds. The wind that blew during the day fell at night, and on several mornings frost appeared and thin ice was formed.

At the annual election of officers of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city, on Friday evening last, Messrs. Thos. S. Jones and John T. Brown were chosen as elders and Messrs. Ralph S. Reifsnider and Edward G. Little, deacons.

A lecture on "Jerusalem, the Holy" will be given in Alumni Hall by President Lewis, on Monday evening, April 27th, at 8 o'clock. At the close of the lecture a number of stereopticon views will be shown of the city and environs. There will be no charge for admission and the public is invited.

At the Good Friday service, at Grace Lutheran Church, this city, there were 27 additions to the congregation, 19 by rite of confirmation, 2 by profession of faith and 6 by letter, and at the Sunday night service one young man was baptised and another confirmed. These accessions with three others of recent date make 32 additions to the congregation since January 1st.

Western Maryland Council No. 79, Jr. O. U. A. M., will present a Bible and flag to Ogg Summit School, on Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, prox. The members of the Council will assemble in the Council chamber at 1 o'clock P. M., and drive to the school house, where the presentation will take place. All members of the order are invited to be present.

Mr. Francis J. Yingling, formerly of this city, is a citizen of Dallas, Texas, one of several places visited by a tremendous flood on Saturday and Sunday last. Trinity river, at Dallas, was 37 feet above low water mark. The principal damage to property was, however, in suburbs of the place. Fort Worth also suffered severely by the flood and the damage to property in the State is estimated at $2,000,000.

At the annual election of Ascension Episcopal Parish, this city, on Easter Monday, the following gentlemen were elected vestrymen for the ensuing year: Hon. William H. Thomas, Guy W. Steele, J. Milton Reifsnider, Rev. Jas. W. Reese, Edwin W. Shriver, Allan T. Bacon and George N. Hunter. Judge Thomas and Prof. H. L. Benson were elected respectively senior and junior wardens; J. Milton Reifsnider treasurer, and Guy W. Steele registrar.

Easter Monday was not generally observed as a holiday in this city, but at night a very pleasant dance was given in the Armory, on Green street, by the younger set. The young people gave another dance on Tuesday evening in the Firemen's building. Both dances were well attended both by the young ladies and gentlemen of this city, and a number of visitors from out of town, from Baltimore, Washington, New Windsor, Avondale and other places.

Mr. Frank B. Matthews, formerly of this city, who has been the manager of the Ford House, Pocomoke City, will assume charge as proprietor of the Parker House, in that city, May 1st. This hotel, fitted with steam heat, electric lights and hot and cold baths, is now very popular with the traveling public and will doubtless increase in popularity under the management of Mr. Matthews, who is not only a hotel man of experience but also a genial host.

There are 354 applications for licenses for the sale of liquor in Baltimore county. This is one for about every 275 of the inhabitants of the county. The number of applications in Carroll county is 47, or one in about 700 of the inhabitants. Probably nine-tenths of the applications in Baltimore county are for places in the immediate vicinity of Baltimore city, while one-third of those in Carroll county are for places in Westminster, so that, after all, there is no great difference in the number of applications for the country districts of the two counties.

Following a Saturday, dark and beclouded, fitly typifying the gloom of that dark day that saw the Saviour of the world entombed in the rock-hewn sepulchre in Joseph's garden, Easter Day dawned fair and bright. The churches of this city celebrated this greatest day in the world's history with services of gladness and joy. All were crowded with thronging worshippers at every service. The message "Christ is Risen", proclaimed from every pulpit, echoed in anthems and hymns of praise, caught up by the carols of the children, filled all hearts with rejoicing.

Many persons attended the funeral of Mrs. Martha Buckingham, wife of Mr. Alfred W. Buckingham, of this city, at Centenary M. E. Church, on Saturday last. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Joel Brown, a former pastor of Centenary Church. Many beautiful floral pieces were contributed by loving friends. Interment was in Westminster Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Col. S. K. Herr, Drs. D. F. Shipley and Charles Billingslea, Messrs. George R. Gehr, Simon P. Weaver, Jos. E. Shreeve, Mr. F. C. Sharrer was funeral director.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

The Boards of County Commissioners of Carroll and Frederick counties met in this city yesterday for awarding the contract for the building of a bridge over the Monocacy, on the Bull Frog road, between Carroll and Frederick counties. The contract for the bridge was awarded to the York Bridge Company, for the sum of $6,399 50, and for the stone abutments to Reno B. Poffinberger, Jr., for $3.49 per cubic yard, and 20 cents per cubic yard for fill and approach.

The Annapolis Evening Capital of Monday said: "Mr. John Bernstein, of Westminster, Md., who spent the Easter holidays with relatives here, was very pleasantly surprised last evening at the home of Mr. J. F. Ebling in honor of his seventy-third birthday. Returning from services at church he was greeted with congratulations and happy little speeches; after which all present were invited to a bountifully spread table. At a late hour all took leave after wishing many happy returns of the day."

The swifts, commonly known as chimney-swallows, have made their spring appearance in this vicinity, following the martins, which appeared last week. The Century dictionary and cyclopedia says these birds are improperly called swallows, being of the order of *Cypselidae*, while the true swallow belongs to the family *Hirundinidæ*. Martins are of this family and true swallows, as are also the barn-swallows so common in this country. Of the *Hirundinidæ* there are about 100 species in all parts of the world.

Mr. C. L. Hine, of Lander, Frederick county, had a growth removed from his eye Saturday at the Maryland University Hospital. The operation, a difficult and dangerous one, is said by the doctors to have been a success. It is the third operation of the kind Mr. Hine has undergone within the last two years. The first was at the Lancaster General Hospital in 1906, and later he was again operated on at the Presbyterian Hospital, Baltimore. Mr. Hine is a student at Western Maryland College.

The recital to be given May 11th, in Odd Fellows' Hall, under the auspices of the Benevolent and Aid Society of the Reformed Church, this city, will be one of the rarest treats for lovers of music and this class of entertainment ever offered to the citizens of Westminster. The program will consist of the following well known performers in the musical and literary field: Mr. Albert Hildebrandt, 'cellooist; Miss Katharine Slagle, soprano; Miss Elizabeth Slagle, accompanist; Miss Madeleine Gilbert, reader; Miss Nettie Whitmore, reader; Mr. Stanley Rogers, basso; Mr. Arthur Conrodi, violinist.

Regret Mr. Sharrer's Death.

At a meeting of the employees of the Internal Revenue Service of the Maryland district, held yesterday in the Custom-house, resolutions of regret were adopted over the death of Chief Deputy Collector George E. Sharrer. The resolutions state that Mr. Sharrer was "A faithful public servant and a man of generous impulses and a friend of unquestioned loyalty." The following committee was named to attend the funeral at Westminster, Md., tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock: P. L. Goldsborough, D. A. Miller, Myron I. Rose, J. William Sheffer, M. F. Goslee, R. R. Pennington, R. D. Mosner, D. F. McPherson, William B. Chairs, D. A. McLaughlin, S. A. Myers, Col. Henry B. Burgh and M. R. Gemmill.

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Dedication of Baust Church

Baust Lutheran and Reformed Church, near Tyrone, will be dedicated on Sunday, the 26th inst. The service will begin at 10.30 A. M. Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., of the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., will preach at that time. At 2.30 P. M. there will be several short addresses interspersed with music. In the evening at 7.30 o'clock, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., secretary of the Lutheran Home Mission Board, will preach. Following the dedication, there will be services each night during the week, closing with Thursday night. Former pastors and neighboring ministers will preach at these services:

Monday evening, Revs. Firor and Doty; Tuesday evening, Revs. Seabrook and Spessard; Wednesday evening, Revs. Schweitzer and Yoder; Thursday evening, Revs. Wheeler and McAllister.

Destructive Fire.

On Monday last fire destroyed the barn, with its contents, hay, straw and agricultural implements, of Mr. Wesley Humbert, in Myers' district, between Humbert's school house and the Westminster and Hanover road, not far from the Pennsylvania and Maryland line. The fire was caused by the blasting of stumps with dynamite. After an explosion, either a piece of burning fuse or a brand of wood fell in a straw stack in the barn yard, setting fire to stack and barn. The strong wind which was blowing at the time carried the flames to a near-by tenant house, belonging to Mr. Humbert, and it too was destroyed. The house was unoccupied. The fire was communicated to the woodland in proximity, and a large crowd of neighbors gathered to fight the flames, which were subdued only after about 5 or 6 acres were burned over. The loss on barn is said to be about $800. The loss on the house, contents of barn and timber has not be ascertained. There is some insurance.

How to Save Your Corn

Farmers are generally annoyed and suffer damage by the depredations of crows upon their newly planted corn, but it is now held by some persons that the crow fairly pays for the grain he steals by destroying many cut worms. Whether that be true or not it is more or less important to farmers to prevent the destruction of their seed corn after its planting and various methods have been employed to prevent crows from feeding upon it. In a recent letter of Mr. A. K. Fisher, who is in charge of economic investigations in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to Mr. Eph. B. Repp, it is stated that "a coating of coal tar will prevent birds from pulling up the corn. The corn and coal tar—a teacupful to the bushel—should be thoroughly stirred until a thin film covers each kernel. The corn should then be covered with wood ash or plaster so that it will not gum up the plaster." Mr. Repp also informs us that he is advised by Mr. Cheffely, of Sandy Springs, "that to soak corn till soft, then sow it about fields after corn planting, is also a good preventative, as birds prefer to eat what is soft and on the surface."

Jurors For May Term.

Judge William H. Thomas drew the jurors for the May term of the Circuit Court for this county on Tuesday. The term will begin Monday, May 11. The names of those drawn as jurors are, by districts, as follows:

Taneytown.—William G. Feeser, John E. Bair, Ptolemy S. Hilterbrick, George E. Knox.

Uniontown.—John C. Spangler, Charles A. Koontz, Lewis W. Ecker, Samuel T. Harman.

Myers'.—David U. Lemmon, Milton J. Hull, George G. Myers.

Woolery's.—Thos. S. Jones, Jr., William F. Hoffman, Richard Thomas Shilling, David F. Green.

Freedom.—Byard Dorsey, Wilmer R. McCardell, Littlewood Scott Mercier, John F. Lauterback, S. Frank Hale.

Manchester.—Wesley Baum, Howard S. Witter, John E. Leese, Lee A. Snyder, John W. Snyder.

Westminster.—William H. Yingling, David Robertson, John T. Zahn, Frederick W. Hull, Francis J. Grimes, John H. Leese, John Fred. Rinehart, Jacob Basler, James D. Case.

Hampstead.—John Oliver Murray, John N. Simmons, David J. Yingling.

Franklin.—Mark A. Aldridge, Isaac E. Frizzell.

Middleburg.—George G. Cluts, Eli M. Dutterer.

New Windsor.—Edward S. Bankerd, William O. Bankerd, Emanuel H. Rebert.

Union Bridge.—Edward Yingling, Charles A. Parrish.

Mt. Airy.—John T. Gosnell, Albert Dorsey.

Pensions for Widows.

The fact that the bill increasing the pensions for widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War from $8 to $12 per month has passed both houses of Congress is a matter of great interest to many in this county. General John R. King, United States Pension Agent, has informed the Grand Army Club that it will not be necessary for widows now drawing pensions to make applications for the increase, as the department will, with the June payment, send checks covering the increase.

WEDDING BELLS.

Birely-Yingling.

Miss Louisa Yingling and Mr. Thomas F. Birely, both of Ladiesburg, Frederick county, were married in Taneytown, on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. William E. Wheeler, pastor of the Lutheran Church.

Burton-Dolan.

Carroll Place, the parsonage of Carroll charge, Reformed Church, near this city, was the scene of a quiet but very interesting wedding at 5 o'clock, Easter Monday afternoon. The bride was Mrs. Ida Dolan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hyle, of this district, and the groom Mr. Clifton Burton, proprietor of an important horseshoeing establishment in Baltimore. The bride wore a becoming going away gown of grey cloth, with hat and gloves to match, while the groom was attired in the customary black. There were no attendants. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. James B. Stonesifer, the pastor. Among those present were: Mr. Howard M. Hyle, brother of the bride; Miss Helen Harman, Messrs. John S. Harman and John F. Shade. Mr. and Mrs. Burton left by the fast mail, soon after the ceremony, for a short bridal trip.

Pickett-Buckingham.

A wedding of much interest to the people of Bird Hill took place last Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, when Miss Bertha Buckingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Buckingham, became the bride of Mr. Edgar E. Pickett, formerly of Winfield. The ceremony took place in the parlor and was performed by Rev. E. O. Ewing, of Deer Park Charge. They were attended by Miss Mae Koontz as bridesmaid and Mr. George Allen as best man. The bride and bridesmaid each wore a gown of white chiffon. Immediately after the ceremony a bridal supper was given, after which a reception was held from 9 to 10 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Pickett left for a trip North and will reside at Shoreham, L. I. A few of the immediate friends were present, namely: Rev. E. O. Ewing, Messrs. and Mesdames Marshall Buckingham, Allen, James Buckingham, John Spencer, Wm. Shauck, Harvey Davis, Wm. Brown, Mrs. Paynter, Mrs. Sayers, Mr. Obadiah Buckingham, Misses Mary Hamilton, Mae Koontz, Addie Buckingham, Caroline Buckingham, Eliza Buckingham, Norma Buckingham, Mildred Buckingham, Viola Buckingham, Pauline Barnes, Viola Barnes, Margaret Grimes, Beulah Shauk, Clara Green, Messrs. Arthur Buckingham, Irving Buckingham, Walter Allen, George Allen, Carroll Bowers, Earl Brown, Alvin Bossom, Clarke Abbott, James Akehurst.

DEATHS' DOINGS.

Hilda Martin.

Hilda Martin, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Brummel, died on Monday, at Brummel, aged 2 years, and was buried on Wednesday, at St. John's (Leister's) Church, Rev. R. W. Doty, officiating. The pallbearers were Elmer Stephan, Roy Leister, Elmer Broehm and Robert Fleming. Messrs. J. M. Stoner & Son were the funeral directors.

George Routson.

Mr. George Routson, one the oldest residents of Uniontown, died at his home in that place, last Friday, aged 72 years, 1 month and 15 days, and was buried at the Methodist Cemetery, Uniontown, on Monday afternoon, his pastor, Rev. G. J. Hill officiating. Mr. Routson was a tanner, but had been retired from active business for the past 15 years. He is survived by a brother, Mr. Thomas H. Routson, of Uniontown, and six sons, Messrs. Harvey and Grover, of Waynesboro, Pa.; Melvin, of Uniontown; Jesse, of Buckeystown; and Charles and Ken, of Baltimore.

E. G. Selby.

Mr. E. G. Selby, a prominent citizen of Howard county, died at his home near Poplar Springs, on Sunday last, aged about 64 years. He was a native of this county and a son of the late John N. Selby, a former member of the Board of County Commissioners. He was a prosperous farmer and some years ago was a member of the House of Delegates from Howard county. He leaves a widow and seven children. Mr. Caleb W. Selby, a member of the House of Delegates from this county at the present time, is his brother, and Mrs. Francis J. Albaugh, of Gist, his sister. Another brother is Mr. B. F. Selby, of Virginia.

Mrs George Weaver.

Mrs. George Weaver, who was accidentally burned on Sunday, March 29th ult., died at her home, Patapsco, on Wednesday night last, from the injuries then sustained. Mrs. Weaver poured a small quantity of coal oil on the floor at her home and touched a match to the oil, for the purpose of burning out a stain in the boards. The oil flared up suddenly and set fire to her clothing and she was badly burned from her feet to her waist. She was taken at once to the hospital in Baltimore. Last week, she returned to her home, with no hope of her recovery, and all that medical skill could do was unavailing to save her life. Mrs. Weaver was 48 years old. She is survived by her husband, eight children and one grandchild. Her children are: Mrs. Osborne Snyder, of Baltimore; Misses Blanche, Lucy, Hilda, and Bertha, and Jesse, August and Arthur, at home. She was buried this morning at Wesley Chapel, of which she was a member, Rev. Joseph P. Wilson, of Hampstead, conducting the funeral services. Mr. F. C. Sharrer, was the funeral director.

Mrs. Maria E. Benson.

Mrs. Maria E. Benson, widow of Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Benson, died on Sunday last, at her home, West Main and Carroll streets, this city, in her 74th year. Mrs. Benson's husband, who died several years ago, was an eminent clergyman of the Methodist Protestant Church and filled a number of the most important appointments in the Maryland Annual Conference before becoming professor of systematic theology in Westminster Theological Seminary, a position he filled with signal ability for several years. Mrs. Benson was a lady of culture and refinement, a sincere Christian and from girlhood a devoted member of the Methodist Protestant Church. She was a native of Queen Anne's county and a daughter of the late John B. Thomas, in his day one of the most prominent citizens of that county and distinguished as one of the "Glorious Nineteen," a body of officials who deadlocked the wheels of government in this State, three quarters of a century or more ago, for quite a time and until one of them relented and the embargo was removed. She was connected with most of the leading families of Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. The late Judge P. B. Hopper, who was not only an eminent lawyer but a local minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, was her uncle, and the present Judge P. B. Hopper, of the Second judicial circuit, is her cousin. The late United States Senator Gibson was also a relative.

Mrs. Benson is survived by one daughter and two sons—Mrs. John Merrick, of Sudlersville; Rev. Frank T. Benson, of Denton, and Prof. Howard L. Benson, of this city. Funeral services were held at her late home in this city at 5 o'clock, Monday afternoon, Rev. Dr. D. L. Greenfield, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church; Rev. Dr. Hugh L. Elderdice, and Rev. Dr. H. C. Cushing, of the seminary, and Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Lewis, of the college, officiating, after which the remains of the venerable lady were taken from here by the fast mail train for Sudlersville, where they were interred at 11 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

George E. Sharrer.

Universal regret and deep sorrow were felt in this city and throughout this county, on Wednesday, when the news (which spread quickly in every direction) came that Mr. George E. Sharrer had died at the University of Maryland Hospital, in Baltimore, where he had undergone a surgical operation for the removal of gall-stones. His death occurred about one o'clock, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Sharrer was taken ill suddenly only a few weeks ago and was found to have been suffering with the malady mentioned. His physicians decided that his only relief depended upon a surgical operation for the removal of the gall-stones, and he went promptly to the University Hospital. After undergoing the necessary treatment to put his system in condition to bear the shock of the operation, it was performed and two stones, described as of the size of mulberries, were removed. He rallied promptly and for several days strong hopes of his entire recovery were entertained. On Sunday, however, high fever supervened and later pneumonia developed and the complication proved fatal.

Mr. Sharrer was a native and lifelong resident of this city and was as well known to the people of the whole county as any citizen has ever been. He also became widely known and very popular throughout the State generally. He began life here as a salesman in a dry goods store and after several years, with his brother, Mr. Jesse C. Sharrer, formed the firm of Sharrer Brothers and established the extensive clothing establishment with which the latter is still connected. He was always a staunch Republican and more or less active in seeking to promote the interest of his party. This, and his acknowledged fitness for the place, led to his appointment as postmaster of this city during the administration of President Harrison, an office which he filled efficiently, and very acceptably to its patrons, who always found him courteous and affable in the discharge of its duties.

After retiring from the postoffice he accepted the position of deputy State fire marshal when Mr. E. J. Lawyer was chief of that department, and when Mr. John B. Hanna became surveyor of customs in Baltimore was appointed his deputy and occupied that office for four years. He was then appointed chief deputy collector of internal revenue by Mr. P. L. Goldsborough and held the position until his death—about four years. It is a well known fact that he was an efficient and faithful officer in every station held by him during his public career, and no man was ever more popular with his associates in office and the subordinate officers under his charge than he. He was a man of genial disposition and unlimited kindness of heart, qualities that were manifest to all with whom he came in contact. It is unnecessary to speak at length of his connection with the political affairs of this county, in which he was for years the leader of the Republican organization and had a large and devoted following of party friends who maintained that leadership against all opposition. He was a member and warden of Ascension Episcopal Church.

Mr. Sharrer is survived by his wife, who was Miss Sarah J. Crooke, of Philadelphia, and one son, Mr. Geo. Francis Sharrer. He was a son of the late Francis Asbury Sharrer and a brother of Messrs. Frank C. and Jesse C. Sharrer, two prominent and well known business men, and of Mrs. John J. Reese and Miss Mellie Sharrer, all of this city. Commander Washington O. Sharrer, of the United States Navy, who died 18 or 20 years ago, was also his brother.

Mr. Sharrer was a Past Master of Door to Virtue Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of this city, and an enthusiastic member of the Fraternity. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. and a charter member of Westminster Ruling Fraternal Mystic Circle. His funeral will take place tomorrow morning, at 10.30 o'clock, from the house. Rev. Dr. F. M. Gibson, pastor of Ascension Church will conduct the religious service and his remains will be interred with Masonic honors, by his brethren of Door to Virtue Lodge, in Westminster Cemetery. The pallbearers, members of the lodge, will be Drs. George E. Baughman, and J. Key Woodward, Messrs. H. Peyton Gorsuch, Chas. V. Wantz, George R. (Geo. Bob) F. Crouse, Elias O. Grimes, Sr., and E. B. Brundige. Mr. Sharrer's age was 59 years, 9 days.

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

Mr. William H. McCollum represented Salem Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., of this city, in the sessions of the Grand Lodge this week. The Grand Secretary's report indicated that the past year has been the greatest in the history of the order for half a century and showed that there are now 8,993 members in Maryland, and that in the last year $44,775 has been paid for relief. It is predicted that the coming year will see an increase of 2,000 in membership and the formation of many new subordinate and Rebekah lodges. It was decided to hold special sessions of the Grand Lodge during the year and rallies at Mt. Airy and other places. The following officers were chosen: Grand master, John W. Young, of Cumberland; deputy grand master, Wm. W. Varney, of Baltimore; grand warden, Dr. John S. Green, Glenarm; grand secretary, Wm. A. Jones, Baltimore; grand treasurer, J. F. Plummer, Baltimore; grand representative, Eugene S. Anderson, of Baltimore; grand representative, William Grason, holds for three years.

The following officers were appointed: Grand chaplain, Rev. John R. Edwards, Catonsville; grand marshal, D. L. Clayton, Cumberland; grand conductor, A. Frank Miller, Mount Airy; grand guardian, John G. Zink, Baltimore; grand herald, Matthew Longridge, Barton.

State Council Jr. O. U. A. M.

This county was well represented in the State Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M., in Baltimore, this week. The representatives of the Councils of this county were: Western Maryland Council No. 79, Westminster, Messrs. Claude T. Smith and C. Carroll Henry; Hampstead Council No. 68, Hampstead, M. E. Albaugh, H. T. Richard; Mechanicsville Council No. 78, Mechanicsville, L. Calvin Jordan, R. W. Barnes; New Windsor Council No. 74, New Windsor, Harry Bankard, Chester Bankard; Carroll Council No. 114, Eldersburg, William Warren, J. H. Ruby; Crescent Council No. 116, Watersville, Beal Gosnell, J. J. Flemming; Mt. Airy Council No. 120, Mt. Airy, W. R. Rudy, W. A. Sentz; Alesia Council No. 131, Millers, G. O. D. Hoover, J. T. Dandy.

The reports show an increase in membership of 1,301 for the past year, bringing the total membership up to 25,745. At the State Council 180 councils were represented by over 300 delegates. On the last evening there was a class initiation of 250.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Councilor, George W. Ritter; vice-councilor, H. M. Wilds; secretary, Charles A. Davis; assistant secretary, B. H. Beehler; treasurer, W. L. James; conductor, Henry S. Cook; warden, Wm. Weagley; inside sentinel, Wm. Luthering; outside sentinel, H. E. Welsh; chaplain, Mr. Nunnerick.

Mr. Weagley, warden, is a member of Western Maryland Council, of this city.

Grand Lodge I. O. M.

Claude Tilden Smith, Esq., represented Westminster Lodge No. 41, I. O. M., in the 38th annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent order of Mechanics, in Baltimore, this week. At the closing session of the Grand Lodge, Supreme Ruler W. G. Cooper installed the following officers:

Senior grand architect, Charles Becker; grand architect, Charles E. Wagner; vice grand architect, William Downs; grand secretary, Elmer Bernhard; grand treasurer, Robert Lutz; grand trustees, William G. Cooper, George T. Hewing and Charles F. Kroner; supreme representatives, Charles Becker and M. J. Connor.

The retiring grand architect was presented with a beautiful gold jewel of the order by the grand lodge. The convention will meet next year in Baltimore.

Westminster Free Library.

On the first page of the SENTINEL this week is published a list of the new books purchased by the Westminster Library Association. Patrons of the library are requested to clip the list for reference.

The fact that 981 books, an average of 21 books for each time that the library has been opened, have been taken out by members of the association and others, is the evidence of the need of such an institution in this city, and of its popularity. There are at this time 147 members of the association enrolled. The only source of income is the membership fee. Every person in this city and vicinity, who desires books to read and is interested in putting good literature in the hands of others, should become a member of the association in order that the number of books in the library may be increased as rapidly as possible. The annual membership fee is only one dollar. The library is open, at the rooms of the Country Club, every Monday and Thursday night and Saturday afternoon.

Special Communication Monumental Lodge No. 96, A. F. and A. M.

By dispensation of the Grand Master, Monumental Lodge No. 96 A. F. and A. M., of Baltimore, will hold a special communication in the lodge room of Door to Virtue Lodge No. 49, this city, on Tuesday night next, April 28th.

The members of Monumental Lodge will come to this city in special coaches attached to the regular train on the Western Maryland Railroad, leaving Hillen Station at 4.20 p. m., and will return to Baltimore on a special train in charge of General Passenger Agent F. M. Howell, leaving Westminster at the convenience of the Lodge. One hundred and fifty Masons are expected to be in the party. Upon their arrival in this city they will be met by the officers of Door to Virtue Lodge, who will be their guests at supper at the Westminster Hotel. After the supper the members of Monumental Lodge will assemble in the Lodge room for work. Members of Door to Virtue Lodge and other masons are invited to be present.

The officers of Monumental Lodge are: Worshipful master, Louis W. Davis; senior warden, Willis E. Myers; junior warden, John W. Crowley; treasurer, James A. Clark; secretary, Walter Kirwan; senior deacon, Allen Aiken; junior deacon, Lewis Kurtz; senior steward, Albert Zimmerman, junior steward, A. W. Mears; chaplain, James L. Scott.

Wakefield Items.

The meat house of Mr. Dennis A. Smith, near this place, containing about 800 pounds of meat, caught fire from some unknown cause on Monday afternoon, about 3 o'clock. The fire was discovered by one of Mr. Smith's employees, who gave the alarm. The C. & P. telephone was called into service and in a few minutes the neighbors from all directions hastened to the spot, and the fire was soon under control. The smoke house is only four feet from Mr. Smith's large dwelling, and this fact made the fire the more threatening. Mr. Smith wishes your correspondent to extend his heartfelt thanks to his many friends and neighbors for their prompt and efficient assistance.

Miss Blanche Baker, of Baltimore, visited her sister, Mrs. Scott Bollinger, over Easter, and continued her visit this week.

Mr. Royer Smith, of the M. A. College, was at home with his parents over Easter and returned to school on Tuesday.

The tinners have finished roofing Mr. J. F. Babylon's building, and are putting a tin roof on Mr. George P. L. Hoover's barrack.

While Mr. Elmer Yingling, near Bark Hill, was engaged in putting the tin roof on Mr. Hoover's barrack, this place, he fell from the roof to the ground, a distance of 25 feet. Though he suffered great pain from the fall, he was fortunate in escaping without serious injury.

Philip, the pet dog belonging to Miss Hilda Ruth, strayed or was stolen on Tuesday evening. His mistress offers a reward for information leading to his recovery.

Preaching services will be held at the Brick M. P. Church, every Sunday, promptly at 2.30 p. m.; Sunday School at 1.30 p. m. This is the first time that services have been held every Sunday in this church.

German Baptist Brethren.

The Eastern district meeting of the German Baptist Brethren was held in the Rocky Ridge Meeting-house, Rocky Ridge, on Monday. Delegates were present representing 12 churches, and all gave encouraging reports of the work in the district.

The following appointments were announced:

West Point—Elder W. P. Englar, in charge; Elder D. E. Englar, assistant.

Long Green—Elder A. P. Snader, in charge; Elder C. F. Ausherman, assistant.

Belair—Elder W. T. Miller.

Port of Baltimore Mission—Elder W. E. Roop.

Baltimore county.

Elder J. W. Thorney resigned as Sunday School Secretary, and Elder W. P. Englar, of Uniontown, was elected to succeed him.

Elders A. P. Snader and Charles D. Bonsack were elected members of the District Mission Board.

Elder Thomas J. Kolb, of Double Pipe Creek, was elected delegate to the yearly meeting at Des Moines, Iowa; Elder Charles D. Bonsack, of Washington, alternate.

It was decided to build a new meeting-house at Long Green, Baltimore county.

For the Sentinel.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union Meeting at Sandyville.

The Willard W. C. T. U. of Sandyville and vicinity held a parlor meeting under the supervision of Misses Carrie Green and May Taylor, at the home of Mr. Jacob Hoff, Sandyville, on the evening of April 16. The literary program consisted of music, recitations, readings and an address by Mrs. Fenby, of the Finksburg Union.

One of the chief attractions of the evening was music by the Carrollton Band, which played some choice selections while refreshments were being served, and at other times during the evening. There were more than one hundred members of the Union and guests present. The committee extends hearty thanks to the host and hostess for their kind entertainment, and to the band and others who assisted with the program.

The Willard Union was organized by Mrs. Fenby, 18 months ago, with 8 members. At present it numbers 58. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend the meetings.

Winfield Academy.

Owing to the inclement weather the entertainment which was to have been held at the academy last Saturday, was postponed until Saturday, April 25. As a few people had ventured out, it was decided to give part of the musical program. Every one agrees that it was the best ever given at the academy. The part of the program given consisted of piano duets, by Mrs. Samuel Baer and Miss Addie Barnes; solos, by Miss Mary Houck and Messrs. Wm. D. Wrightson, of Baltimore; C. W. Barnes, Sittig and A. M. Zile; duets, by Messrs. Sittig and Zile; saxaphone solos, by Mr. Wrightson. The audience was especially delighted with the music of Mr. Wrightson and are anxious to hear him again. Mr. Wrightson was a classmate of the principal at St. John's College. He was leader of the Mandolin Club during the entire four years at college. We are hoping to have him with us again. This Saturday the play will be given. The music will be given by the same talent as near as it is possible to have. It will begin at eight o'clock promptly as the program is long.

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Millers Items.

The people of our community are highly pleased with their new store, which has recently been repapered, repainted and made up to-date in every respect, by the merchant, Mr. Jacob Zepp.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warner, of Baltimore, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Miller, on Main street.

We are glad to note that Mr. Wm. Miller, who has been ill for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, is slightly improved under the care of Dr. J. H. Preston.

Mr. Henry Rinehart is treating his house to a pretty coat of paint which adds much to the appearance of his home.

Mr. Theo. Miller has improved his home by putting up a new picket fence.

Quite a number of our folks attended Easter services last Sunday at Manchester and Greenmount.

For the Sentinel.

A Pleasant Party.

Under the direction of Mr. Arthur Conaway, a large company of young people assembled at the home of Mr. Wm. Aldridge, near Winfield, on the night of the 14th inst., where they were made welcome and proceeded to engage in various games and plays, prominent among which was Moll Brooks, played to the music of a banjo in the hands of Myerly Gilroy, accompanied by mouth organs. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aldridge, Mr. John Richardson, Mr. Chas. Buckingham, Misses Zola Streaker, Emma, Myrtie and Eva Conaway, Mary Bloom, Goldie and Effie Cushing, Lulu and Edith Pickett, Ethel and Cora Richardson, Lizzie and Carrie Wolbert, Mamie Farver, Nina Stambaugh, Elsie Wagner, Renie and Mary Buckingham, Leafy and Mildred Aldridge; Messrs. Arthur Conaway, Donald Miller, Lester Long, Chester and Frank Davis, Riley Farver, Clarence and Roy Conaway, Will Baile, Ray McQuay, Joe Hancock, Howard Conaway, Roy Wagner, Olan Pickett, Raymond Jenkins, Pierce Glennan, Cliff and Coy Condon, Sterling Stambaugh, John, Oscar and Fritz Will, Robert Penn, Charlie Welsh, Tom Bower, Ernest Brandenburg, Myerly Gilroy, Ensor and Vernon Aldridge. At 11.30 refreshments were served and after playing awhile longer the party broke up and the guests took their departure for their respective homes, having expressed themselves as enjoying the occasion.

Bark Hill Items.

Miss Mary Catsondafner, who has been on the sick list for some time, is slowly improving.

Visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Levi Rowe's last week were: Mr. and Mrs. William Peters and two sons and Miss Hilda Rowe, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shipley, of Westminster.

Mr. Edgar Rowe and wife, near Middleburg, spent Sunday at Mr. Nathan Rowe's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Weller and son, of Waynesboro, Pa., spent Sunday with Mr. John Smith's family.

Mr. Bernard Wilson and wife, of Frederick, spent Sunday with Mr. W's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson.

The L. H. M. Society held a social at Mr. and Mrs. John Smith's on Easter Monday night.

On Friday night, 17th ult., quite an enjoyable time was spent at Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Yingling's, there having been about twenty-five present. Mr. William Peters, of Baltimore, gave some very fine music on his phonograph, which all enjoyed until a late hour, when they were invited to the dining room to partake of refreshments, consisting of cake and lemonade. Then the goodbyes were said and all returned to their homes after having had a jolly good time.

Mr. Elmer Yingling, of this place, while helping to put a roof on a barn at Medford, slipped and fell off the roof a distance of about twenty feet spraining his arm very badly.

Mr. Evan Shew, who had been spending the winter at Monocacy trapping, has returned home to his old boarding place at Mr. and Mrs. Levi Rowe's.

C. E. Union Convention.

The 17th annual convention of the Carroll County Christian Endeavor Union will be held in this city, on Thursday and Friday, May 7th and 8th. The day sessions will be held in the Methodist Protestant Church with two exceptions. The organ recital and Junior rally will be held in Grace Lutheran Church. The night sessions will be held in Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College. Lunch will be served free to all the delegates and visitors on Thursday and Friday in the lecture room of the M. P. Church. Following is the program of exercises to be followed by the convention:

PROGRAM:

Convention Theme, "Service."

Thursday Morning.—May 7th, 1908.

Dr. James E. Shreeve, President, Presiding.

9.30. Enrolment of Delegates.
10.30. Prayer and Praise Service.
10.45. Convention Sermon
"Service to Service." Rev. H. A. Groff.
11.20. Singing.
11.25. Symposium, "Preparation for Service"
(a) Consecration, Mr. T. F. Shearer, Roop.
(b) Quiet Hour, Baltimore county.
(c) Bible Study, Mrs. James Fraser.
Mr. Robt. S. McKinney.
12.00. Singing. Adjourn